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Labour accused of blaming our EU departure rather than accepting their 'failures'

STOP 'POINTING THE FINGER AT BREXIT' AND FIX ECONOMY

BY **STEPH SPYRO**
Deputy Political Editor

RACHEL Reeves "would rather point the finger at Brexit" than take the blame for her "poor" economic choices, say critics.

The Chancellor will today unveil her plans for "deeper" EU ties.

Shadow Chancellor Sir Mel Stride said: "Labour are desperate to blame anyone but themselves for their economic failures."

Reform MP Robert Jenrick added: "She should start fixing the

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Here's looking at you King!

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Autumn Durald Arkapaw makes history

Benicio del Toro, Paul Thomas Anderson and Leonardo DiCaprio

Jessie and Michael celebrate their wins

The mother of all Oscars for Jessie

Irish star's shout-out to baby girl

BY **TOM BRYANT**

JESSIE Buckley dedicated her Mother's Day Oscars triumph to her eight-month-old daughter Isla – and revealed it came in the same week as another important milestone.

The first Irish winner of a best actress Oscar said after the ceremony: "It feels like some kind of crazy alchemy... my daughter got her first tooth this week. I woke up with her lying on my chest, snuggling me and I feel like, what a gift."

Jessie, 36, won the acclaim of the Academy for playing Shakespeare's wife Agnes Hathaway in Hamnet, alongside Paul Mescal and child star Jacobi Jupe.

She learned she was pregnant a week after filming finished. In her acceptance speech, she addressed Isla and said: "I love you and I love being your mum and I can't wait to discover life beside you."

Jessie added that Isla would have "absolutely no idea what's going on… is probably dreaming of milk". She then jokingly addressed her daughter, saying: "This is kind of a big deal."

And she gave thanks to her parents, saying: "Mum, Dad, thank you for teaching us to dream and to never be defined by expectation but to carve from your own passion."

Hug for Jessie from Hamnet actor Jacobi

To her husband Freddie Sorensen, Jessie said: "I love you, man. I love you. You're the most incredible dad.

"You're my best friend and I want to have 20,000 more babies with you."

Michael B Jordan won the best actor award for his role in Sinners. He paid tribute to black actors who came before him, singling out Sidney Poitier, Denzel Washington, Forest Whitaker, Jamie Foxx and Will Smith.

The 39-year-old said: "I stand here because of the people who came before me and to be amongst those giants, those greats, my guys... thank you for keeping on betting on me. I'm gonna keep stepping up and keep being the best version of myself I can be."

Michael, who celebrated his win with a burger at a local restaurant after the ceremony, later grew emotional backstage as he spoke of how people had supported him over the years to get to this point. He said: "I've been doing this for 25 years... there's a lot of people who've seen me grow up in this industry, grow up in this town, and they've looked out for me when they didn't have to."

The biggest winner of the night was One Battle After Another, which took six Oscars, including best film, best director and best adapted screenplay for Paul Thomas Anderson.

Starring Leonardo DiCaprio, Benicio Del Toro and Teyana Taylor, it also won a new award for best casting and best supporting actor for Sean Penn.

Ryan Coogler won best original screenplay for Sinners, and the film's Autumn Durald Arkapaw became the first woman – and first black person – to win the best cinematography award.

There was a dramatic moment when there was a tie in the live action short category, which was won by both Two People Exchanging Saliva and The Singers.

After the winners left the Dolby Theatre stage, host Conan O'Brien said: "You just ruined 22 million Oscar pools."

It is the first time since 2013 there have been tied winners, when Skyfall and Zero Dark Thirty shared the sound editing award.

The host referenced the Iran war and last year's devastating California wildfires, saying: "Last year when I hosted, Los Angeles was on fire. This year, everything is going great."

The fallout from the Epstein files was also in the sights of talk show star Conan, 62. Pointing out it was the first time since 2012 without any British lead acting nominees at the Oscars, he said: "A British spokesperson said 'Yeah, at least we arrest our paedophiles'."

Emotional Jessie with husband Freddie

Ryan Coogler and Robert Downey Jr

Michael B Jordan takes Oscar for a burger

‘I stand here because of the people who came before me...thank you for keeping on betting on me’

Elton refuses to take sides in Brooklyn’s rift with Beckhams

BY **DANIEL BIRD**

BROOKLYN Beckham may not be speaking to his actual father, but he still showed up to godfather Sir Elton John’s annual Oscars viewing party.

The chef, 27, and his wife Nicola Peltz, 31, were at the megastar’s bash to raise money for his Aids foundation.

Sir Elton has been friends with David and Victoria Beckham, 50 and 51, for decades, and is also godfather to Brooklyn’s brothers Romeo, 23, and Cruz, 21.

But he is not taking sides in the long-running family feud.

One source said: “Elton of old may have relished in taking sides, but two years off his 80th birthday, he’s a man who has seen and done it all.

“He just wants everyone to be happy.”

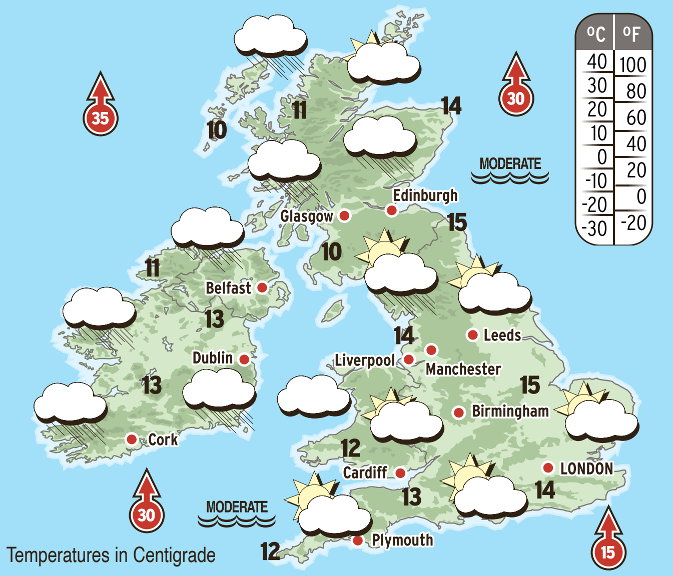
Sir Elton with Nicola and Brooklyn

The winners:

Best picture - *One Battle After Another*
Best actress - *Jessie Buckley (Hamnet)*
Best actor - *Michael B Jordan (Sinners)*
Best supporting actress - *Amy Madigan (Weapons)*
Best supporting actor - *Sean Penn (One Battle After Another)*
Best director - *Paul Thomas Anderson (One Battle After Another)*
Best animated feature - *KPop Demon Hunters*
Best international feature - *Sentimental Value*
Best documentary feature - *Mr Nobody Against Putin*
Best original screenplay - *Sinners, Ryan Coogler*
Best adapted screenplay - *One Battle After Another, Paul Thomas Anderson*
Best original song - *Golden, KPop Demon Hunters*
Best original score - *Sinners, Ludwig Goransson*
Best cinematography - *Sinners, Autumn Durald Arkapaw*
Best film editing - *One Battle After Another, Andy Jurgensen*
Best sound - *F1*
Best visual effects - *Avatar: Fire and Ash*
Best production design - *Frankenstein*
Best casting - *One Battle After Another, Cassandra Kulukundis*
Best make-up and hairstyling - *Frankenstein*
Best costume design - *Frankenstein*
Best animated short - *The Girl Who Cried Pearls*
Best live action short - *(Tied) The Singers and Two People Exchanging Saliva*
Best documentary short - *All the Empty Rooms*

Amy Madigan accepts the best supporting actress Oscar

WEATHER FORECAST



Temperatures in Centigrade

Today's summary: Cloudy start, clear by evening

North West: Overcast initially, brighter later. Breezy, turning cooler in the evening. High 15C (59F).

Northern Ireland: Overcast, turning to drizzle later. Brisk winds easing, with a mild feel throughout. High 13C (55F).

Wales: Cloudy start, turning sunny with a breeze. Mild temperatures easing into a clear night. High 13C (55F).

Midlands: Cloudy start, turning sunny later. Gentle winds, feeling mild throughout the day. High 14C (57F).

North East/Yorks: Cloudy with sunny intervals later. Light winds, turning cooler through the evening. High 15C (59F).

Scotland: Overcast skies, brightening later. Breezy with mild temperatures throughout. High 12C (54F).

East Anglia: Cloudy early, turning sunny later. Breezy conditions with mild temperatures. High 14C (57F).

London/South East: Cloudy start, clearing to sunshine later. Moderate winds, turning mild. High 14C (57F).

South: Cloudy, then sunnier later. Light winds easing. Mild temperatures throughout. High 12C (54F).

South West: Cloudy with sunny spells in the afternoon. Gentle breeze, cooling in the evening. High 13C (55F).

Channel Isles: Sunny with clear skies later, moderate breezes throughout, becoming pleasantly warm. High 13C (55F).

Sea: Moderate or rough.

UK OUTLOOK TOMORROW: Expect mild conditions with light winds. Cloudy spells in the morning give way to sunny intervals by afternoon. Clear skies dominate by evening.

SIX-DAY FORECAST

Temperatures in Centigrade

	WED			THU			FRI			SAT			SUN			MON		
		min	max		min	max		min	max		min	max		min	max		min	max
London	☀	5	18	☀	4	17	⛅	4	15	⛅	5	12	⛅	6	12	🌦	6	13
Belfast	⛅	6	12	☀	5	13	⛅	3	13	⛅	3	12	⛅	4	10	☀	4	10
Birmingham	☀	3	18	⛅	4	16	⛅	3	13	⛅	4	11	☁	5	11	⛅	5	12
Cardiff	☀	5	17	☀	4	16	⛅	4	14	⛅	4	12	☁	6	11	🌦	6	12
Glasgow	⛅	7	13	⛅	5	14	⛅	4	13	⛅	2	13	⛅	4	11	🌦	4	11
Manchester	⛅	4	18	⛅	4	16	⛅	3	13	☀	4	12	☁	5	12	⛅	5	12
Newcastle	⛅	6	16	⛅	5	11	⛅	3	12	⛅	4	10	⛅	5	10	🌦	4	10
Norwich	☀	4	15	☀	5	14	⛅	4	12	⛅	5	10	⛅	6	10	🌦	6	11
Plymouth	☀	7	14	☀	6	14	☀	6	13	⛅	5	12	⛅	8	11	🌧	7	12

Britain yesterday

24 hours to 5pm	SUN (hrs)	RAIN (ins)	TEMP (min)	(max)
Aberdeen	7.3	0.01	2	10
Aberporth	2.8	0.05	6	11
Alnwick	3.9	0.04	1	8
Belfast	3.5	0.17	3	9
Birmingham	2.0	0.12	4	10
B'mouth	2.1	0.04	6	11
Bristol	2.1	0.30	6	11
Cardiff	2.5	0.23	5	11
Durham	3.6	0.17	2	9
Edinburgh	4.3	0.40	2	9
Glasgow	1.9	0.36	3	9
Hull	2.7	0.11	3	11
Ipswich	4.3	0.17	3	12
Leeds	2.7	0.18	3	9
Lincoln	3.1	0.22	3	11
London	1.7	0.17	4	11
Manchester	2.4	0.40	4	10
Oxford	1.4	0.19	4	12
S'hampton	1.6	0.08	6	12
St Andrews	5.4	0.01	2	9

Moon, sun and tides

MOON rises: 5.39am, sets: 4.22pm
SUN rises London: 6.10am, sets: 6.08pm
Manchester rises: 6.18am, sets: 6.16pm

● **New Moon** 19 March

HIGH TIDE

London B'ge	(12.32am), (12.54pm)
Liverpool	(10.05am), (10.31pm)
Greenock	(11.32am), (11.57pm)
Dover	(10.01am), (10.18pm)

Britain Extremes: (24 hours to 11pm Sunday) **Warmest:** Kew Gardens, 14c (56f). **Coldest:** Cavendish, -3c (27f). **Wettest:** Achnagart, 1.05ins. **Sunniest:** Shoeburyness, Landwick, 6.7hrs.

Lighting-up times

Belfast	6.31pm-6.31am
Birmingham	6.15pm-6.14am
Bristol	6.18pm-6.17am
Glasgow	6.24pm-6.24am
London	6.08pm-6.08am
Manchester	6.16pm-6.16am
Newcastle	6.14pm-6.13am

Europe forecast

Today

Amsterdam	Cloudy	15C/59F
Brussels	Fair	16C/61F
Dublin	Cloudy	13C/55F
Frankfurt	Rain	11C/52F
Geneva	Sunny	15C/59F
Lisbon	Rain	20C/68F
Madrid	Sunny	22C/72F
Paris	Sunny	17C/63F
Rome	Sunny	19C/66F

Tomorrow

Amsterdam	Sunny	16C/61F
Brussels	Sunny	16C/61F
Dublin	Fair	12C/54F
Frankfurt	Sunny	15C/59F
Geneva	Fair	13C/55F
Lisbon	Thunder	18C/64F
Madrid	Fair	20C/68F
Paris	Sunny	17C/63F
Rome	Rain	14C/57F

Around the world yesterday

		C	F
Amsterdam	Fair	9	48
Athens	Fair	15	59
Barcelona	Sunny	16	61
Berlin	Rain	5	41
Budapest	Sunny	15	59
Cairo	Sunny	21	70
Cape Town	Cloudy	25	77
Casablanca	Sunny	19	66
Corfu	Cloudy	17	63
Dublin	Rain	9	48
Dubrovnik	Fair	17	63
Faro	Sunny	20	68
Florence	Sunny	20	68
Gibraltar	Fair	17	63
Guernsey	Drizzle	10	50
Hong Kong	Sunny	22	72
Istanbul	Cloudy	10	50
Jersey	Cloudy	10	50
Larnaca	Sunny	21	70
Las Palmas	Fair	21	70
Los Angeles	Sunny	19	66
Luxor	Sunny	24	75
Malaga	Sunny	18	64
Mallorca	Sunny	17	63
Malta	Thndr	16	61
Melbourne	Rain	18	64
Miami	Cloudy	27	81
Moscow	Sunny	3	37
Nairobi	Sunny	23	73
New Delhi	Sunny	28	82
New York	Fair	5	41
Nice	Sunny	17	63
Nicosia	Sunny	20	68
Perth	Sunny	31	88
Prague	Cloudy	8	46
Singapore	Fair	31	88
Stockholm	Cloudy	6	43
Sydney	Sunny	29	84
Tel Aviv	Shwrs	19	66
Tenerife	Sunny	21	70
Toronto	Shwrs	2	36
Tunis	Shwrs	15	59
Venice	Sunny	16	61
Vienna	Rain	7	45
Warsaw	Sunny	11	52

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STARS SHINE ON RED CARPET

And the award for the best dressed guest goes to...

BY **EMMA JOHNSON** Fashion Editor

FEATHERS were flying on the most important night of the movie calendar – and that was even before Timothee Chalamet was snubbed for best actor.

Several A-list guests adopted the trend on the Oscars' red carpet after it was all over the catwalks this season.

Finest plumed was Teyana Taylor, 35 – nominated for best supporting actress for One Battle After Another. She was pipped to an Oscar by Weapons' Amy Madigan but won the war when it came to best dressed.

Her dramatic black Chanel gown, trimmed with white feathers and crystals, even had the names of her daughters stitched into it.

Going full peacock in a green and black Gucci gown was Demi Moore, 63, who earned a nomination last year.

Homage

Meanwhile, Nicole Kidman, 58, who has a string of Oscar nominations plus a statuette, embraced the peplum trend in a powder-pink, showgirl-style Chanel dress that took us back to Moulin Rouge.

Woman of the night Jessie Buckley, 36, was a standout after sweeping the board in style this awards season.

Named best actress for her performance in Shakespeare weepy Hamnet, her pale-pink Chanel number with scarlet sash was a homage to Grace Kelly's gown at the 1956 Oscars.

Another big fashion story was shimmering dresses. Bugonia actress Emma Stone, 37, may have lost out to Jessie but her pearlescent Louis Vuitton design was a winning look.

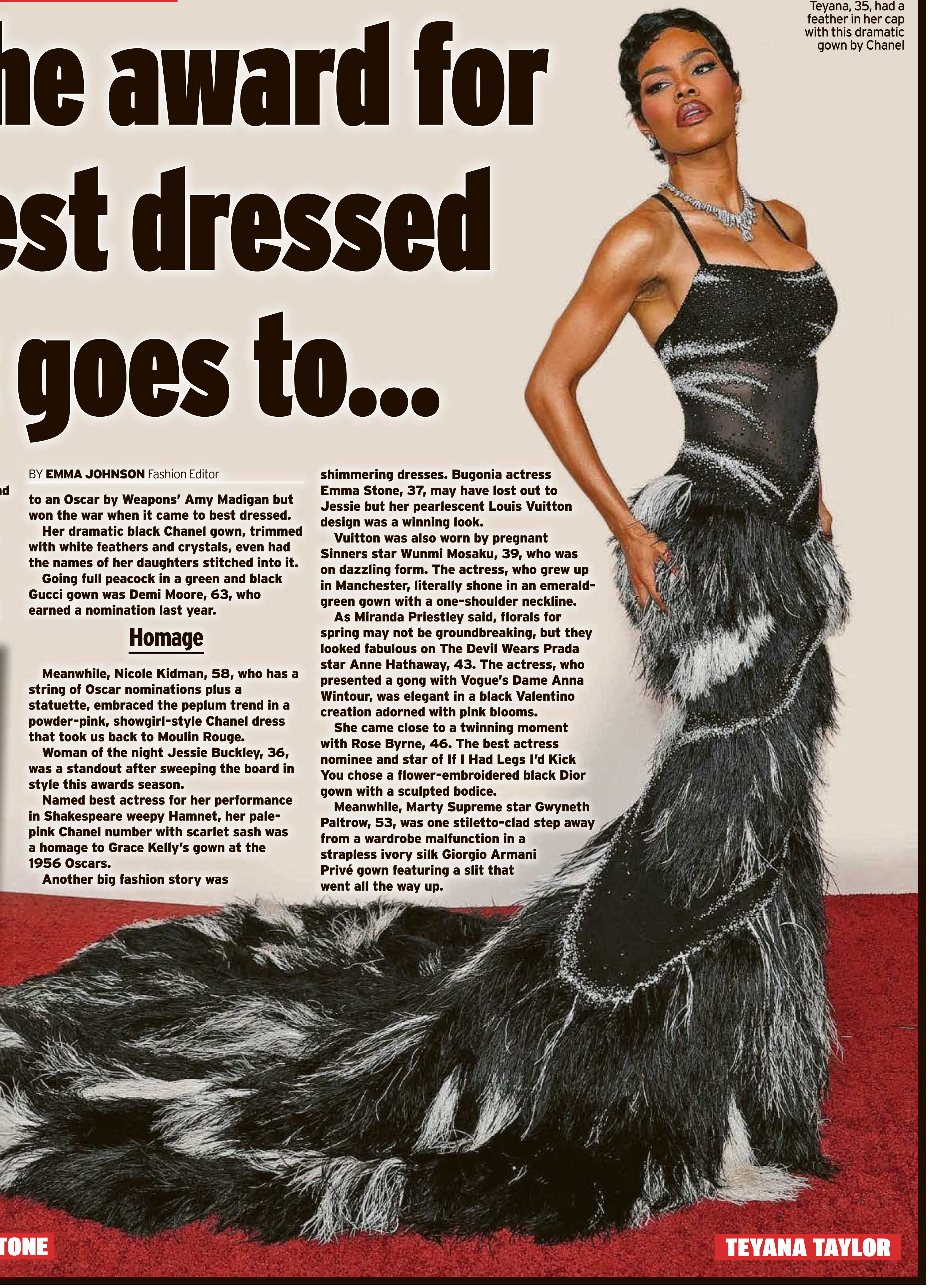
Vuitton was also worn by pregnant Sinners star Wunmi Mosaku, 39, who was on dazzling form. The actress, who grew up in Manchester, literally shone in an emerald-green gown with a one-shoulder neckline.

As Miranda Priestley said, florals for spring may not be groundbreaking, but they looked fabulous on The Devil Wears Prada star Anne Hathaway, 43. The actress, who presented a gong with Vogue's Dame Anna Wintour, was elegant in a black Valentino creation adorned with pink blooms.

She came close to a twinning moment with Rose Byrne, 46. The best actress nominee and star of If I Had Legs I'd Kick You chose a flower-embroidered black Dior gown with a sculpted bodice.

Meanwhile, Marty Supreme star Gwyneth Paltrow, 53, was one stiletto-clad step away from a wardrobe malfunction in a strapless ivory silk Giorgio Armani Privé gown featuring a slit that went all the way up.

EMMA STONE


Teyana, 35, had a feather in her cap with this dramatic gown by Chanel

TEYANA TAYLOR

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Outbreak of meningitis spreads fear and despair

Year 13 pupil Juliette who died of meningitis. Right, University of Kent students queue for antibiotics after the outbreak

BY **GILES SHELDRICK**
Chief Reporter

THE father of an 18-year-old student who died in a meningitis outbreak said her family are “beyond devastated”.

Juliette, who lived in Whitstable, Kent, with her father Michael, 46, mother Rebecca, 49, and older sister Florence, 20, passed away on Saturday surrounded by her family.

Her dad said there were “no words to express their loss”.

And her heartbroken grandmother Linda said: “I just can’t bring myself to say anything otherwise I will cry.

“We are all on antibiotics because we were with Juliette in hospital when she passed away.” Her family requested that her surname was not publicised.

The Year 13 pupil was the first victim of the deadly infection to be identified.

A University of Kent student also died after contracting the disease and another 11 people are believed to be seriously ill in hospital.

As panic spread in the area, long queues formed as hundreds of students – many wearing face masks – lined up for antibiotics.

Meanwhile, health officials are urgently trying to trace 30,000 family members and friends of those who may have been exposed to the infection.

Yesterday, Amelia McIlroy, head of 1,000-pupil Queen Elizabeth’s Grammar School in Faversham described Juliette as “incredibly kind, thoughtful and intelligent”.

She added: “She was a lovely girl, her beautiful smile, her loving nature and her sense of fun will be hugely missed. We are all completely devastated.”

Pupil Sammy Wright, who knew Juliette, said: “It’s just a shock to hear what happened. Prayers to her family and closer friends.” Hundreds of students at the University of Kent’s Canterbury campus are being given antibiotic Ciprofloxacin to kill the Neisseria meningitidis bacteria in the nose and throat.

Waiting in the queue were brothers Matthew, 16, and Luca McDonagh, 17. They were at a party in Whitstable on Saturday with one person who has since been diagnosed with the infection.

Another friend was already in an induced coma with meningitis.

Matthew said: “It’s quite scary. Like, I can’t believe it. It’s just insane...”

Luke added: “It’s pretty terrifying.”

The specific strain of meningitis responsible has not yet been identified. But it has been linked to Club Chemistry in Canterbury. Experts feared some of those infected visited the nightclub before cases spread.

NHS Kent and Medway last night said it was offering free antibiotics to anyone who visited the venue “on March 5, 6 and 7”.

The UK Health Security Agency said it had been notified of 13 cases of people with signs and symptoms of meningitis between Friday and Sunday.

A spokesman said: “We can confirm that UKHSA has worked with the University of Kent to provide advice letters to all 16,000 students, advising on recent cases, signs and symptoms, how to obtain antibiotics, and what to do if they feel unwell.”

Louise Jones-Roberts, the owner of Club Chemistry, said: “We have been told somebody was in our club at the weekend who has since been diagnosed with meningitis. The UKHSA has asked us if we have any methods for tracing who has been in.”

Meanwhile, a letter sent to parents of pupils at The Norton Knatchbull School in Ashford, 31 miles from Canterbury, confirmed that a Year 13 student was in hospital with meningitis. It said: “The student is receiving appropriate hospital treatment. We remain in close contact with UKHSA.”

The Simon Langton Grammar School for Boys in Canterbury also said a Year 13 pupil was admitted to hospital with meningitis.

Parents were told in a letter: “Our thoughts are with him and his family during this difficult time. We hope for a speedy recovery.”

Helen Whately, the Tory MP for Faversham and Mid Kent, said: “The meningitis outbreak in our area is a huge shock. My heart goes out to the families of the young lives lost.”

‘Her beautiful smile, loving nature and sense of fun will be hugely missed’

WHAT CAUSES THE DEADLY INFECTION – AND WHO IS AT RISK?

MENINGITIS is an infection of the meninges – three protective membranes that surround the brain and spinal cord.

It can affect anyone but is most common in babies, young children, teenagers and young adults.

Meningitis can be very serious if not treated quickly. It can cause life-threatening sepsis and result in permanent damage to the brain or nerves.

Symptoms develop suddenly and can include a high temperature (fever), being sick, a headache, a rash that does not fade when a glass is rolled over it, a stiff neck, a dislike of bright lights, drowsiness or unresponsiveness and seizures (fits).

These symptoms can appear in any order and sufferers do not always get all of them.

Meningitis is usually caused by a bacterial or viral infection.

Bacterial meningitis is rarer, but more serious, than viral meningitis.

Infections that cause meningitis can be spread through sneezing, coughing and kissing.

Vaccinations offer some protection against certain causes of meningitis.

They include: the MenB vaccine which is made available to babies when they are aged eight weeks. It is followed by a second dose at 12 weeks and a booster at a year;

The 6-in-1 vaccine which is offered to children at eight weeks, 12 weeks, 16 weeks and 18 months;

Pneumococcal vaccine – two doses offered to babies at 16 weeks and one year, and a single dose offered to adults 65 or over;

MMRV vaccine – offered to children at 12 months and 18 months; and the MenACWY vaccine – offered to teenagers, sixth formers and fresher students going to university for the first time.

‘Rachel Reeves is out of ideas... she should start by fixing the mess she’s made’

Chancellor will call for deeper relationship with the EU to drive growth

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mess she made, beginning by scrapping her ridiculous plan to raise fuel duty.”

Ms Reeves will use a major finance lecture to identify a reset of UK-EU relations as one of the three “biggest opportunities for economic growth” in Britain, alongside AI and regional boosts.

But Sir Mel Stride hit out: “It’s no secret that Reeves and Starmer have wanted to row back on Brexit since day one – and we can expect to hear more detail on Labour’s plan to drag us closer to the EU.

“Labour are desperate to blame anyone but themselves for their economic failures. Under increasing pressure having mismanaged the economy, Reeves would rather point the finger at Brexit than accept their poor choices have been a disaster for our economy.”

Ms Reeves is expected to use her Mais Lecture to pitch a vision for closer ties with the bloc, weeks after she argued that this would be the “biggest prize” economically.

But Mr Jenrick, Reform’s Treasury spokesman, said: “The idea that Labour’s EU reset is going to bring back jobs and leave people with more money in their pocket is for the birds.

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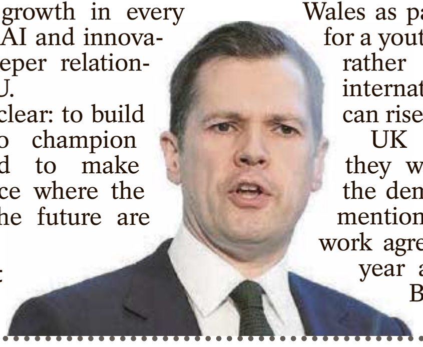
“Rachel Reeves is out of ideas and has been reduced to trying to dig up failed policies from the past. She should start fixing the mess she made, beginning by scrapping her ridiculous plan to raise fuel duty.”

Ms Reeves will use her speech to City figures to say we will see the fastest adoption of artificial intelligence in the G7 group of countries, with a record £2.5billion boost to secure the country as a world leader in AI and quantum computing.

She will add: “In this changing world, Britain is not powerless. We can shape our own future. Our method is stability, investment and reform – through an active and strategic state.

“Today I am making three big choices on the greatest growth opportunities for Britain in the decade to come: growth in every part of Britain, AI and innovation, and a deeper relationship with the EU.

“Our plan is clear: to build for growth, to champion innovation and to make Britain the place where the industries of the future are created.” Her speech comes a day after Nick Thomas-Symonds, the Cabinet Office minister in charge of negotiating the government’s reset with the EU, arrived in Brussels for a meeting of members from the British and European parliaments.



Robert Jenrick hit out at Ms Reeves

Britain is said to be in a stand-off with Brussels over its demand to cut university tuition fees for European students. EU officials say the students should pay “home” fees of some £9,500 a year in England and Wales as part of negotiations for a youth mobility scheme rather than the higher international rate which can rise above £60,000.

UK negotiators said they were blindsided by the demand as it was not mentioned in the framework agreement signed last year and it would cost British universities some £140m a year. The PM made cosying up to the EU a key mission of his government despite 17.4 million people voting to quit the bloc.

The Express crusade Give Us A Proper Brexit wants the UK to quit the European Convention on Human Rights, slash red tape for firms and set a 12-mile fishing zone off our coast for only British boats.

Reform boss Nigel Farage, ex-PM Boris Johnson and Tory leader Kemi Badenoch backed our drive ahead of the vote’s 10th anniversary.

Sir Keir suggested last month he wanted to “go further” in taking the UK closer to the EU single market as he cranked up his plot to reverse Brexit – despite a manifesto vow not to rejoin it or a customs union.

The next UK-EU summit is expected to take place in May.

Meanwhile Ms Reeves is scrambling to salvage the flatlining UK economy – the zero growth was weaker than expected, following growth of just 0.1% in December.

This came before the outbreak of the US-Israeli war with Iran, which has caused a major energy shock.

Sir Keir warned yesterday that the longer the conflict lasts, the more likely it is that there will be an effect on Britain’s economy and the cost of living.

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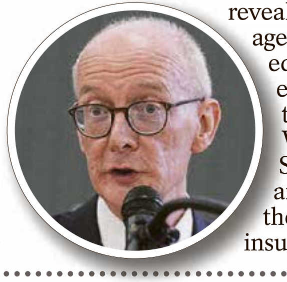
Tories claim bid to help young into work is sop after jobs tax

BY **JONATHAN WALKER**

THE Tories say Labour’s plan to get a million young people into work or training is a device to fix a problem of its own making.

Work and Pensions Secretary Pat McFadden announced the government will subsidise jobs for those aged up to 24 stuck in long-term unemployment.

It came with a warning the welfare bill must be cut, after Labour MPs blocked attempts last year to make it harder to qualify for disability benefits. Mr McFadden said: “I want to give people a chance. I want to give them a level of support they have not had in the past and I believe that is what welfare reform is all about. I see no reason Labour MPs should not support welfare reform.”



Pat McFadden told MPs to back reforms

He spoke after it was revealed 946,000 people aged 16 to 24 are not in education, employment or training. Helen Whately, Shadow Secretary for Work and Pensions, blamed the rise in national insurance contributions for employers and increases in the minimum wage.

She said: “Labour is killing jobs with their jobs tax and red tape. They’ve made it too expensive to employ young people and destroyed business confidence. State-funded jobs is not the right answer. Businesses create real jobs, not the state.”

The government will give firms £3,000 for every 18 to 24-year-old hired if they have been on universal credit and seeking work for six months. The jobs guarantee subsidy will be extended to those up to 24 from 21. And a £2,000 apprenticeship incentive is to be offered to smaller businesses taking on trainees.

COMMENT

HELEN WHATELY

Shadow Work and Pensions Secretary

YOUNG people are paying the price of Labour’s incompetence. After making it harder for businesses to employ them, Labour are now asking taxpayers to subsidise jobs for them.

This is a sticking-plaster solution. It does not tackle the root causes of youth unemployment. Businesses have been clear: Labour’s jobs tax and red tape are making it more expensive and riskier to employ the young.

Labour inherited one of Europe’s strongest labour markets and in little more than a year have turned it into a wasteland of lost confidence and wasted talent. For the first time ever, Britain’s unemployment rate for 16 to 24-year-olds has surpassed the EU’s.

It’s businesses that create real jobs. Labour should follow the Conservatives’ approach in backing apprenticeships and training led by employers. This gives young people the skills to succeed rather than creating taxpayer-funded roles targeted at those on benefits.

Labour have neither the business experience nor the acumen to understand that. It is in their DNA to believe that the state must always step in. Young people deserve better.

The government should step aside. That is how you get the economy growing again.

Labour must also fix the benefits system so that work always pays. Too many young people are signing on when they could and should be in work. This is unfair to taxpayers who foot the bill and a waste of a generation of talent.

Welfare spending alone is forecast to exceed £400billion by the end of the decade. Welfare must be a safety net, not a lifestyle choice.

Only the Conservatives have a clear plan to tackle this crisis. We will cut red tape and taxes on businesses to create jobs for the next generation – and get Britain working again.

Joint force to fight fake news menace

BY **PAUL JEEVES**

DECADES of worsening relations between police and the media are to be reset by a new charter.

The document ensures accurate reporting by traditional, trusted outlets like the Express on criminal matters.

A fractured relationship worsened following confusion over the 2011-12 Leveson Inquiry's findings into media ethics. Many forces actively resisted releasing information, which allowed social media conspiracy theories to run riot.

The charter sets shared principles, standards and expectations to create national consistency.

Sir Andy Marsh, College of Policing CEO, said: "We have published robust new standards for policing communications to combat a climate of mis and disinformation which is harming communities."

Dawn Alford, Society of Editors CEO, added: "When information flows well between policing and professional journalists, the public benefits."

Alcohol-free beer to track inflation rate

BY **ANNA WISE**

HOUMOUS and alcoholic-free beer have been added to a list of items used to measure inflation, as healthier habits influence consumer spending.

A shake-up this year also means millions of prices will be sourced automatically from tills instead of manually.

The Office for National Statistics measures inflation – how quickly prices are rising – using a "basket" of more than 750 goods and services.

Each year some are added and removed as spending habits change, with 0% beer and houmous now appearing for the first time.

Danni Hewson, of investment platform AJ Bell, said: "Since the pandemic many of us have tried to embrace healthier lifestyles and the proliferation of no and low-alcohol options helped people change their drinking habits.

"Houmous has been a staple of lunch boxes for years but as a plant-based source of protein and fibre it's becoming more popular."

PM AND PRESIDENT CLASH OVER

Starmer insists 'we won't be drawn into the wider war'... Trump 'not happy' with 'terrible' UK

Plane prepares to land at Dubai airport after drone strike on fuel tank, right, caused delays to flights

BY **MARTYN BROWN**
Political Editor

DONALD Trump has said he is "not happy" with the UK's "terrible" response to the Iran conflict.

The US president lashed out after Sir Keir Starmer insisted Britain "won't be drawn into the wider war".

Mr Trump is pressurising the PM to send Royal Navy ships to help reopen the Strait of Hormuz.

The president blasted his unwillingness to defend the vital shipping lane.

Sir Keir has so far refused to commit naval forces despite President Trump calling on allies to step up efforts to secure the key oil route.

He said ministers were discussing options with the US, Gulf states and European partners but stressed "no decisions" have been made.

Mr Trump hit back last night, saying: "I was not happy with the UK. I think they'll be involved, maybe, but they should be involved enthusiastically.

"We've been protecting these countries for years with Nato, because Nato is us. You can ask Putin. Putin fears us. He doesn't fear, he has no fear of Europe whatsoever."

Britain, France, Germany and South Korea have so far signalled reluctance to meet US demands to intervene in the strait, which Tehran has effectively blocked. Ships that have tried to pass through have been attacked.

Mr Trump claimed on Sunday that Nato faced a "very bad future" unless his allies helped in the "small endeavour" of securing the waterway.

He added: "I was very surprised with the United Kingdom. Two weeks ago, I said, 'Why don't you send some ships over?' And he [Starmer] really didn't want to do it.

Vietnam

"You're our oldest ally, and we spend a lot of money on, you know, Nato and all of these things to protect you. I mean, we're protecting them."

The lukewarm response from Britain and other allies to Mr Trump's demands came as the US announced 2,500 marines and the amphibious assault ship USS Tripoli were being rushed to the Middle East.

The deployment of the amphibious landing specialists led to speculation the US was preparing a ground operation to secure the Strait. However, the Tripoli was spotted by commercial satellites sailing near Taiwan, putting its arrival near Iran more than a week away.

Iran's deputy foreign minister warned US boots on the ground ran the risk of the war becoming another Vietnam, from which the US withdrew in failure after years of conflict.

"Just read what happened in Vietnam," Saeed Khatibzadeh told Sky News when asked about the possibility of a ground invasion.

Mr Trump's outburst came hours after Sir Keir urged a "negotiated agreement" with Iran. The PM insisted he wanted an end to the conflict as quickly as possible, cautioning the situation would only get "worse for the cost of living back at home" the longer it lasts.

But his cautious stance risks reigniting tensions with the US president, who has urged allies to act quickly to prevent a fresh global energy shock.

Sir Keir said protecting shipping through the narrow Gulf waterway remained a key priority.

Around a fifth of the world's oil passes through the strait.

Disruption there has already sent energy markets into turmoil and sparked fears of rising bills.

Sir Keir said: "The Strait of Hormuz is a separate discussion, and it is a discussion – we're not at a point of decisions yet. It is obviously a difficult question that goes without saying in relation to how you safeguard maritime traffic through the Strait.

"Everybody knows the geography and the risks, but we are working, discussing that with the US, with Gulf partners and

President Trump hit out at Sir Keir again

U.S. PLEA FOR HELP IN MIDDLE EAST

American marines, main, on board USS Tripoli, above; below, US B1 bomber takes off from RAF Fairford, Glos

BRITISH ALLIES 'DEEPLY DISAPPOINTED' WITH MIDDLE EAST RESPONSE

BY **JAMES KNUCKEY**

BRITAIN has upset its Gulf allies by "showing up late" in the escalating Middle East crisis, an expert claimed yesterday.

A former military commander, familiar with conversations within the government regarding the UK's response, reportedly accused Sir Keir Starmer of having a risk-averse stance which slowed support to partners.

Criticism

The commander, speaking on condition of anonymity, claimed government concerns over domestic criticism of being dragged into the conflict impacted conversations around support to allies in the Gulf.

Speaking to internet news site Politico, the former senior officer said: "No 10 was determined to downplay any risk or perception of us getting involved and now the government is playing catch-up. And that means we are showing up late."

A different figure with knowledge of deployment decisions said close partners of the UK have been left "deeply disappointed" by the preparation plans.

They told Politico that the UK's response was "wholly inadequate".

A senior Gulf diplomat also criticised No 10's actions. They said there were "a lot of phone calls" but little in the way of "serious support".

It comes amid growing scrutiny over the delayed deployment of a Royal Navy warship to the Eastern Mediterranean following a drone strike on an RAF base in Cyprus. HMS Dragon, which set sail more than a week after the incident, has still not arrived in the region.

Iran has launched waves of drone and missile attacks on several of its neighbours in retaliation over US-Israeli air strikes.

Preparations

A Ministry of Defence spokesman said: "We acted early to protect British people and British interests and to support our allies across the region. Those preparations made a real difference, enabling our troops to conduct defensive operations from day one."

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with the Europeans, and I discussed that yesterday with President Trump in the way we often discuss things, so that's where we're at."

The government is considering the role Britain could play in international efforts to reopen the route.

We already have military assets in the region, including autonomous mine-hunting systems to clear explosives from shipping lanes. Yesterday, Iran continued to target neighbouring nations, with a drone hitting a fuel tank at Dubai airport, delaying flights.

Sir Keir also set out an emergency support package for households impacted by the Iran war.

It includes £53m for "vulnerable" heating oil customers, focused on "those households that are most exposed". The UK has 1.7 million properties on heating oil, mainly in rural areas, though two-thirds of homes in Northern Ireland use oil.

The Tories praised the support, saying it was "welcome for rural households who have been ripped off by rogue heating oil suppliers".

But Dennis Reed, director of the Silver Voices campaign group for over-60s, said: "The support package for those dependent on heating oil is a complete cop-out and will lead to a postcode lottery." Caroline Abrahams, of Age UK, said: "Many older people simply cannot cope with another increase in energy costs... The government should go further than has been announced."

ANALYSIS

MARTYN BROWN
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SERIOUS, personal and, dare I say it, statesmanlike Sir Keir Starmer took a two-pronged approach as he addressed the nation about the Iran war yesterday.

First domestic, as he set out what the government is doing to help vulnerable households faced with a mounting cost-of-living crisis.

Around £53million has been set aside to help consumers with the cost of heating oil, which has spiked in price in the last few weeks.

The Prime Minister mentioned other bits and bobs about energy companies and petrol prices.

But it all amounted to tinkering, not the big bazooka that many had been hoping for – and what yet may come should the conflict turn into a prolonged one.

Then there is the international picture.

In particular the situation in the Strait of Hormuz, pinch point for the passage of vital global energy supplies from the Middle East.

Sir Keir said that the UK would not be drawn into the wider conflict but it did recognise the importance of keeping the strait open, and he was liaising with allies to work out what to do.

'PM has tried to butter up the President. No more'

His resistance to President Trump's demands have been striking though.

For much of his first 20 months in Downing Street the Prime Minister has repeatedly tried to butter up the Republican strongman.

No more.

The US leader wants significant support, including warships.

But Sir Keir's position suggests that this is unlikely.

For him, the domestic and international elements of all this are connected.

De-escalation is first and foremost in his mind, although it isn't entirely clear if he rammed that message home to President Trump when the two leaders spoke on Sunday night.

In recent years we have witnessed colossal government interventions following the pandemic and the conflict in Ukraine after Russia's invasion.

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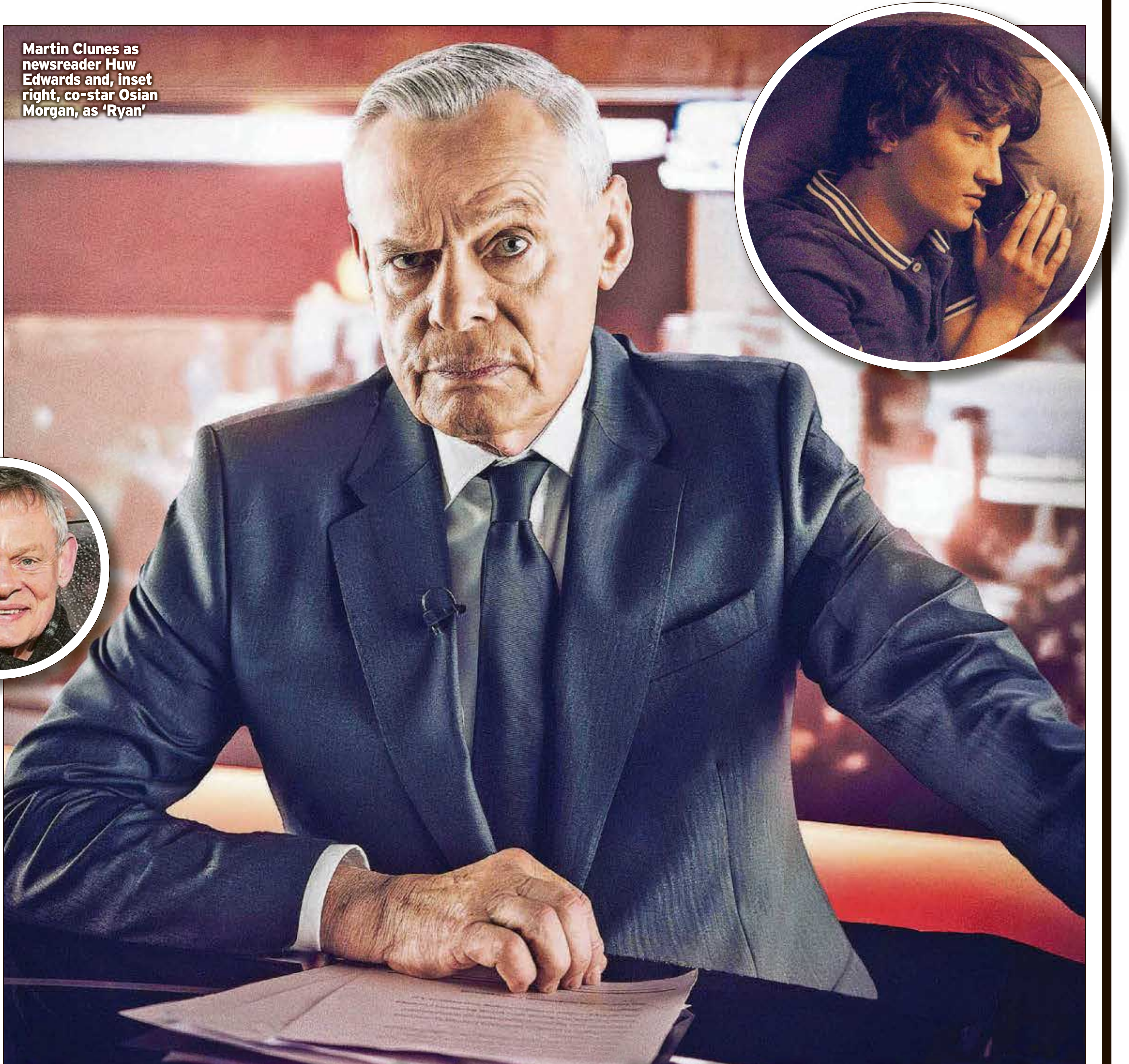

Martin Clunes as newsreader Huw Edwards and, inset right, co-star Osian Morgan, as 'Ryan'

Martin Clunes on playing sex offender Huw Edwards

'I didn't feel very nice at the end of those scenes'

BY **MARK JEFFERIES**

MARTIN Clunes feels like he really got under the skin of disgraced newsreader Huw Edwards in a new TV drama.

The 64-year-old stars in Power: The Downfall of Huw Edwards, alongside Osian Morgan as a young man known only as "Ryan", who is manipulated and controlled by Edwards.

Channel 5's drama focuses on Edwards' double life, leading to his arrest and exit from public life.

Martin, *inset*, says: "I was familiar with Huw Edwards, the newsreader, and how he presented himself when he was reading the news.

"But I've seen other actors make the mistake of just inhabiting that projected face of a famous person or politician, I knew that we needed the other side of him too.

"Finding archive clips of Edwards away from the news was less easy, but I wanted to make sure I did. I noticed from looking at that archive that he was different when he wasn't reading the news, and I wanted to make that distinction.

"If you listen to his rhythms, he's far more Welsh when he's not news reading.

"I didn't know the details and I didn't really want to at the time, but for the purposes of this drama I think they're extremely important. How does something like this happen, with someone who is right in front of our faces every single night?"

Challenge

Edwards, 64, was given a six-month prison sentence, suspended for two years, and placed on the sex offender register in 2024, after admitting creating indecent images of children.

The drama also focuses on the real-life "Ryan", who came into contact with Edwards when he was 17. It is based on extensive research, including text messages between Edwards and "Ryan".

The man in question, who has never been named, told at the weekend how he was paid by the newsreader for sexual pictures.

Of playing the role, Martin, also 64, says: "I knew it would be a challenge on a number of levels. The script is always the most important thing and I thought it was really powerful. It's always good when drama tackles difficult stories, especially when it does so as intelligently as this.

"Beyond the salacious curiosity around this story, I really thought there was another story worth telling, that of 'Ryan'.

"Obviously, the press and the media have focused on the fallen big man, Huw Edwards. But behind that, there's this lad and his family whose lives got turned upside down."

While Martin says he tried not to judge Edwards, he spoke to ex-colleagues who told him the BBC presenter was "never fun to work with". Some of the things he did to "Ryan" were difficult to act out, but working closely with Osian helped. "It can be uncomfortable, but it's all part of the job and you just have to go there," he says. "Sometimes it's harder when a role is nebulous and you can't pin your performance on something. But we had transcripts of text messages between Huw Edwards and 'Ryan', and they do appear in the script, so we breathed life into them. It was hard towards the end of the story, hearing Osian's vulnerable voice when Edwards was bullying him, and the hurt of this boy reaching out in a sensitive way. I didn't feel very nice at the end of those scenes, so again it was definitely good to have Osian in the room to talk to afterwards."

Huw Edwards arriving at court in 2024. He was later given a suspended sentence for making indecent images of children

Best known for roles in ITV drama Doc Martin and BBC sitcom Men Behaving Badly, Martin had to slim down a little to play Edwards. And the make-up department had to work on his distinctive ears. "I don't know how they fixed them, but it was quite involved," he admits.

The final effect is brilliant and he looks very much like the man who delivered the news of the death of the Queen to many millions of Britons.

Martin has recently taken on darker roles but says that is not through any grand plan. He adds: "I never try to second-guess what the audience will think.

"I've played a murderer before and I'm vile in Wuthering Heights, so this isn't my first dark role.

"I've always been lucky enough to balance light-hearted jobs with dramas in between. I'd play someone like Doc Martin again in a heartbeat."

● *Power: The Downfall of Huw Edwards, Channel 5, March 24.*

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We will fight PM's rotten plot to reverse Brexit

KEIR Starmer and Rachel Reeves are hellbent on taking us back into the clutches of the EU. No sooner had the Prime Minister and his lefty gang got their feet under the Downing Street table than they started plotting to reverse Brexit.

The Chancellor will today make her biggest pitch yet for closer alignment with Brussels.

She has previously claimed that closer integration with Europe is the biggest prize for Britain, not America or China.

Now, she will use a finance lecture to identify a reset of UK-EU relations as one of the biggest opportunities for economic growth in the UK.

We, along with the Tories and Reform UK, smell a rat.

It is all a smokescreen to hide behind her own economic failings which have seen the UK's fortunes plummet.

Growth has flatlined, inflation has risen under her watch and unemployment is at a five-year high. The Chancellor's fresh bout of Euro-courtship will stick in the craw of the 17.4 million people who voted to leave the EU.

That's why we have launched our Give Us A Proper Brexit campaign in the run-up to the 10th anniversary of the referendum in June.

This newspaper will fight this assault on democracy all the way.

Switch on the lights and make our streets safer

IT'S time to turn our street lights back on. Five-time Olympian Jo Pavey is absolutely right to demand that councils flick the switch for the safety of women and girls.

The retired long-distance runner warned local authorities that scaling back street lighting limits independence, confidence and freedom to use routes.

It comes after some cash-strapped local councils dimmed lights or switched them off during the night in a bid to save money.

Our Safer Streets campaign, demanding councils light up our roads, comes after a BBC investigation suggested more than half of English councils have chosen to dim or switch them off overnight in the past decade.

We can think of countless other ways councils could cut costs.

Wallace & Gromit whizz is a cracking inspiration

WELL done to inspirational tech whizz Andrew Herbert for his Wallace & Gromit-style endeavours.

The 55-year-old has turned his home into a wondrous lab of inventions based on the claymation comedy to help beat his daily struggles with motor neurone disease.

One of his most eye-catching gadgets is a motorised device that rolls back his bedcovers – while playing the memorable Wallace & Gromit theme tune.

Let's hope all this gadgetry means he'll never end up wearing the wrong trousers!

Labour's death tax puts family firms like ours at risk

Cider farms and other old family businesses are facing a largely uncertain future

Nick Showering
Guest Columnist

FAMILY businesses are part of the fabric of our communities and our economy. They employ local people, support regions and build companies intended to last for generations. My own family knows about that tradition.

Showerings began making cider in Somerset more than 180 years ago and became a private company in 1932. Since then, generation after generation of my family has devoted their working lives to the business. Today, we employ around 350 people – many of whom have spent their careers with us – and we think of them as part of the wider Showerings family.

That long-term outlook is what defines family businesses. When your name is on the label or above the door, decisions are made differently. You are thinking about the next generation, not the exit strategy. That's why many business owners like me are deeply concerned about the government's changes to the way family firms are taxed.

Business property relief was introduced nearly half a century ago by Labour Chancellor Denis Healey to help family businesses survive the transition from one generation to the next. It recognised a simple reality: firms often have substantial paper value but little spare cash. Removing inheritance tax barriers helped them remain intact. From next month, that will change.

Under reforms announced in the Budget, relief from inheritance tax will only apply to the first £2.5million of qualifying agricultural and business assets, resulting in an effective inheritance tax rate of 20% on the value above that threshold.

MINISTERS argue that the higher threshold – increased from an earlier proposal of £1million following a backlash – will protect some businesses. But the reality is that many medium-sized family firms will still face significant tax bills when ownership passes to the next generation. For many, this will mean unmanageable multi-million pound tax bills.

For companies like ours, the challenge is straightforward. Much of the value of a family firm sits in buildings, equipment, stock and the business itself. It is not money sitting in a bank account waiting to be handed over to the taxman.

If a tax liability of several million pounds arises after the death of a founder or shareholder, the next generation will have only a few choices: borrow heavily, sell assets or sell the business outright. This will undermine the very firms that have spent decades building jobs and local prosperity.

Family firms make up more than 90% of UK businesses and employ well over half the private sector workforce. These are the companies that train apprentices, sponsor local sports teams and keep high streets alive. Yet despite their importance, the debate around inheritance tax reforms has focused largely on agriculture, while the far larger impact on family-owned businesses has received less attention. If a family firm must sell shares or break itself up to meet a tax bill, buyers will not be other local families. More often, they will be large corporations, private equity funds or overseas investors. Those owners are unlikely to have the same long-term commitment to a community or a workforce.

The Treasury expects the reform to raise relatively modest sums. Research suggests that the wider economic effects – reduced investment, slower growth and job losses – will easily outweigh any revenue gained. This week, the High Court will hear a judicial review brought by a group of business owners who argue that the government introduced these reforms without adequate consultation with the sector. Policies affecting thousands of firms and hundreds of thousands of workers should never be implemented in isolation from the people who have to live with the consequences.

> 'Passing something worthwhile on to the next generation'

ALREADY, many entrepreneurs are reconsidering their plans. Some are delaying investment or hiring, while others are restructuring earlier than they would have done. Some firms are being prepared for sale rather than being passed on.

None of that helps the government's stated aim of boosting economic growth.

Family firms are not asking for special treatment. They are asking to be allowed to continue doing what they have always done: building businesses, creating jobs and passing something worthwhile on to the next generation.

The court case raises a fundamental question. Do we want Britain to remain a place where family businesses can thrive for generations – or one where they are forced to sell up when the tax bill arrives?

● *Nick Showering is a director of Showerings Cider*

Esther McVey

The voice of common sense

Jess wades into Mandelson mess

JESS Phillips the holier-than-thou Labour MP who never stops telling us how much she has done to help women suffering violence and domestic abuse from men, appeared on Good Morning Britain to defend Keir Starmer for appointing Peter Mandelson, despite knowing he remained in contact and a friend of convicted paedophile and sex trafficker Jeffrey Epstein.

Phillips, above, is also doing the government's bidding by kicking the promised rape gang inquiry as far into touch as she can. So much for women's rights.

It seems St Jess - who has tried to cultivate an image over the years as a straight talker - no longer hides putting her political ambition first, just as all those who have seen her operate at close quarters have always known.

Would you credit clueless clowns?

LABOUR has announced that employers will receive a £3k tax subsidy for hiring under-25-year-olds who have been on universal credit benefit for more than six months.

So we have the ludicrous situation of Labour pushing up taxes on businesses and forcing young people out of work, and then forcing up everyone else's taxes to provide a subsidy to pay employers to hire the young people Labour forced out of work in the first instance.

What a set of clowns.

Verdict is in... Keir's legal legacy's a loser

IT'S EASIER to destroy than create, to spend money than make it, to pontificate than deliver and to dither than be decisive. Keir Starmer has discovered all of the above in short order as PM, and sadly so have we under his rule. Never has a man been so out of his depth.

And now with Starmer on the ropes and his premiership in genuine jeopardy, he is desperately in search of a legacy before being dumped by his own MPs. Going down in history as the most unpopular and useless Prime Minister ever is not what is on his mind.

He's failed on growth and on job creation, on housebuilding and energy, on smashing the gangs and education – so there is no legacy there. Which means he will, like other leaders have before him, turn to something which can easily be voted through in Parliament but which will have a devastating impact on the public when Labour leave office. A prime example is net zero targets – they make a politician feel important and popular for a fleeting moment but impoverish the public for generations to come.

And it looks like Starmer is intent on delivering his legacy through the legal system, the world he knows best.

Just as the disastrous Tony Blair dismantled democracy by taking power from Parliament and Ministers, putting it into the hands of left-leaning nonentities through the proliferation of unaccountable quangos, it seems Starmer wants his lasting legacy to be destroying the best of our judicial system and the cherished freedoms which go hand in hand with it.

Last week he took a step closer to restricting jury trials, a cornerstone of the justice system. Yet Starmer – who as a strong supporter of juries before he became PM – now seems not to care. Just like Blair – who cared nothing for our history, traditions and hard-won freedoms – Starmer has no sense of acting as a custodian to protect the things we hold precious in this country. There are no shibboleths he is not prepared to dismantle because – like many lefties – he is ashamed of our country, not proud of it.

Unlike Blair though, Starmer is a useless politician. Whatever you thought of his politics, Blair was a charismatic, persuasive and cunning leader who knew what he wanted to do. "No-idea Keir" possesses none of those qualities.

We've all lost count of the number of U-turns Starmer has performed, and I can safely predict this ham-fisted attempt to vandalise trial by jury will also see him perform another handbrake turn. Even if his hitherto supine backbenchers don't muster the courage to stop it, you can bet your bottom dollar that the House of Lords will.

So why does he invest so much political capital pursuing unpopular policies that will never see the light of day? I suggest it's because he has no beliefs or guiding principles.

He is a purposeless Prime Minister and the more desperate he is to find his legacy the more dangerous his actions are becoming. The sooner he goes the better, and the less harm he can inflict on our country.

Anne has face of an angel not the look of the devil!

THE beautiful Anne Hathaway grabbed this year's Oscar headlines for all the wrong reasons, with many suggesting the Devil Wears Prada star had had some cosmetic work done.

Anne's always denied going under the knife but celebrities often judged by their looks can't win - criticised for too much plastic surgery on one hand, or for letting themsleves go on the other. To me she looked just great regardless.

WHAT on earth were staff at the Zara store in Bristol thinking when they refused to help a 14-year-old girl who sought refuge in their shop when running away from a large group of bullies? On turfing her out of the shop she was brutally set upon.

Why didn't they offer her shelter and call the police?

I've always thought if I was ever running away from someone I'd run into a crowded shop where surely there would be people to help.

Apparently not. It seems my confidence in the good nature of others was misplaced.

Perhaps the staff should be turfed onto the streets themselves after behaving like that.

THEFT-WING ACTIVISTS ARE STEALING A LIVING OFF ORDINARY SHOPWORKERS

LEFT-WING activists, "Take Back Power" have launched an idiotic shoplifting spree campaign.

Their aim, so they claim, is to "liberate produce" from supermarkets – that's stealing to you and me – in order to "tax the rich to fix Britain". What these head-cases don't grasp is that they won't be taxing the rich at all. In fact they will be raising the food prices for other everyday shoppers and putting ordinary workers jobs at risk too.

There should be a zero-tolerance policy enforced for theft such as this. If groups such as these want to donate produce to food banks, then they should buy the food with their own money and do just that.

This criminality and other stunts pulled by various groups is just so typical of lefties who, as usual, are forcing everyone else to pay for their dumb actions.

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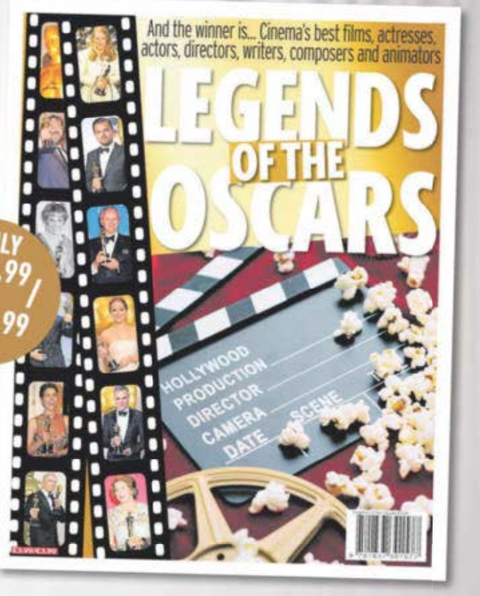
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LIFE AS a working 44-year-old mum-of-two can be busy. So busy, in fact, that important things – like calling a loved one or taking a walk with a friend – can become neglected. My father, Juergen Schmidt, passed away aged 77 almost three weeks ago.

Despite having the most German name imaginable, and having been born there, he was an Aussie through and through, having moved there as a tiny child before coming to the UK in his 40s.

One of dad's many stories – which of course became family lore – was that when he landed, probably in lederhosen, the only English word he knew was "potato".

With memories of the Second World War still fresh in people's minds, life for little Juergen wasn't always easy. But he truly found his home in Australia, its bodacious surf running through his blood. Even in his final days, he delighted nurses and volunteers alike with stories of his adventures.

We moved to England when I was eight, after my dear British mum had had enough of sun and spiders for one lifetime. Sadly, my parents split, but my bond with my dad, as his eldest daughter of three children, remained strong.

Fraught

He was diagnosed with bladder cancer around a year ago. At one stage hope was briefly dangled as the doctor thought removing his bladder could offer him a few more precious years. Sadly, it wasn't to be.

The weekend before he died was horrific. As he battled a terrible infection, he struggled to talk. I told him how much I loved him and thanked him for being the best dad, before returning home and breaking my heart, believing I'd never get another proper conversation with him again. In my self-inflicted busyness, I'd missed my chance.

But, after that fraught weekend, I returned to the hospital as early as I could on Monday morning, wearing a bright green jumper and red polka-dot headband: a jarringly cheerful outfit. "You look colourful today!" my gorgeous dad said as I walked into the room.

I simply couldn't believe it. That next week I spent as much time at the hospital as possible.

We had some wonderful chats about everything from the dire hospital grub to the importance of forgiveness.

On his final day, I also managed to say to him the things I needed to say, including apologising for being a pretty rubbish daughter over the last few years.

And even then, when he was so weak he could barely move, Dad somehow found the strength to pull me into a hug. I still don't know quite how he did it. But that was my dad – gentle, kind and loving until the end.

I was able to hold my dad's hand tightly in his final moments and tell him again and again how much he was loved. But perhaps – knowing my dad – it was really him holding my hand and reassuring me.

NEVER one to mince his words, MP Rupert Lowe has blazed a trail of eyebrow-raising opinions since starting his new party, Restore Britain.

As a right-leaning Conservative, I think most of his statements contain a commonsense core – even if translating them into sensible policy may prove tricky.

But he had me nodding in approval the other day as he outlined plans to ban people from blaring garbage from their mobiles on public transport.

As a train commuter, I'm often left incredulous when sitting opposite someone who is so mind-blowingly rude as to blast their guff into the world.

"Can you please pop some headphones on?", I politely asked one offender the other day. Cue a toddler-esque fit of fury in response, in which the oaf accused me of "typing too loudly". So yes. Ban them and kick them off the train. I'll happily stick the boot in.

AS A TEEN, I had eclectic taste in music. Rather than your typical boy band posters, my walls were adorned with Icelandic legend Bjork, rapper Ice Cube and, ahem, Michael Jackson.

So when flicking through the Netflix offerings the other night, I was cautious about opting for the Take That documentary. But, by God, what a watch.

It rips you from the comfort of your sofa and plonks you straight back in the 90s. Simpler times. Not only is it a nostalgic treat, it's fascinating to watch friendship sour into rivalry And how we underrated Gary Barlow! What a musical talent. Do give it a try.

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King ‘gives off grandad vibes’

His Majest-DJ takes decks for a spin

Monarch chats to tots after his lesson from Christian, left

BY **EMILY FERGUSON** Royal Editor

THE King gave off “grandad vibes” when he tried DJing yesterday and captivated a group of toddlers.

Charles, who has five grandchildren under the age of 13, had a lesson in mixing two dance tracks from Christian St Louis, 22.

After frowning in concentration at the decks, Charles, 77, laughed: “Nooo” when an onlooker said: “It’s not as easy as it looks, is it?”

But Christian gave his protege a round of applause, later calling the encounter “wicked”. He said: “I got genuine energy from him. He is a lot more quiet, a lot more composed than I imagined.

“I got grandad vibes. When you think of your grandma and your grandad — it’s like someone you see wisdom [in]. He gives me that kind of energy.”

The pair met at Manchester’s Aviva Studios, where East Londoner Christian went through a DJing course thanks to the King’s Trust and the Factory Academy, set up to help young creatives into work. Charles also met other trainees and heard a poem by student Mariama Jallow about her experiences of overcoming adversity.

Afterwards, he unveiled a plaque to mark his visit and listened to an outdoor performance by a choir from the Royal Northern College of Music.

The monarch stretched his legs with a walkabout before leaving, meeting a group of toddlers with childminders Jodie Pownell and Nick Standing.

Their charges – twins Teddy and Kuba, along with Ronnie, Stevie and George, all one, and two-year-old Jackson – stood by a barrier, gazing up at the King. He made a beeline for them, saying hello and asking how old they were.

Jodie, from New Mills, Derbyshire, said: “He was so warm and friendly. He told us we were doing a fantastic job. What a morning!”

But the King’s royal variety performance did not end there – he went on to try upholstery restoration at the Renew Hub in Trafford Park. Armed with a staple gun, he worked on a chair using gold flock fabric from the Royal Opera House.

Artisan-championing Charles again laughed at his endeavours before making his final visit to the Greencore food manufacturing site in Warrington, Cheshire.

There he was shown meals being cooked for donation to communities in need via the Coronation Food Project, which aims to reduce waste.

Charles is tickled by his efforts to upcycle a chair in Manchester

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Penguins living in aquarium’s basement ‘will get better home’

Birds have mural as ‘cruel’ reminder of natural home

BY **STEPH SPYRO**

SEA LIFE has finally admitted that “no change is not an option” for its 15 gentoo penguins housed in an exhibit without fresh air or daylight.

Merlin Entertainments, which owns the London Aquarium where the colony is kept in the basement, committed to sharing a plan for the birds’ future by the end of May.

It follows a two-year campaign by the Daily Express and animal charities.

A spokesman said: “We’re in intensive, science-backed discussions with independent experts to determine best next steps.

“We all agree that no change is not an option and are together looking at the risks and opportunities associated with relocating the penguins as an alternative to making further improvements to the habitat at Sea Life London. We are on track to share the plan, drawing on input from independent experts – including campaign groups and other key stakeholders – by the end of May.

“In parallel we’re enhancing the penguins’ habitat and providing new opportunities that encourage natural behaviours.”

It is unclear what improvements will be made to the enclosure while talks with campaigners and experts continue.

The Daily Express, which previously received a legal threat for calling the penguins “captive”, has been leading the fight to get the penguins moved, alongside the Born Free and Freedom for Animals charities. A petition launched by the latter has so far been signed by nearly 50,000 members of the public. It is also supported by TV star Chris Packham, former pop singer Feargal Sharkey and 75 MPs.

Freedom for Animals called the birds’ existing enclosure – which has “only a cruel mural of their true home painted on the wall to show where they truly belong” – “terrible” and “unnatural”. It added: “With no natural light, fresh air or deep water to dive in, the penguins are denied the very things they need to thrive and live full, healthy lives.”

In January, London Aquarium said it had made “meaningful progress in identifying areas for action” following the criticism.

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Q How will I pay the tax on my income?

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“ HMRC doesn't look at each income individually; it adds everything together

Q Do I pay tax on income from savings?

HMRC doesn't look at each income individually; it adds everything together. Interest from savings and investments goes towards your total income. But as well as a Personal Allowance, you can also earn some money from your savings and investments tax free, this is your Personal Savings Allowance. That allowance depends on your income.

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Q If I sell an investment, what tax will I pay?

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CAMPAIGN TO KEEP WOMEN SAFE

Olympian backs call to switch on street lights

Not acceptable for women to feel unsafe outside after dark through cost-cutting

BY **STEPH SPYRO**

CHAMPION long-distance runner Jo Pavey is urging councils to put the safety of women and girls first by keeping street lights on.

Jo, who represented Team GB at five Olympics on the trot, said darkening the roads from 1am to 5am – as around half of English authorities do – robs them of their independence and freedom.

She said: “Reducing street lighting hours is not the right place to be looking at saving money. There are so many reasons why women need to be walking on the streets at night, these reasons are often not a choice. Street lighting increases safety, women are able to see ahead and be confident and aware of their surroundings. It enables them to be seen by others.

“Scaling it back limits independence, confidence and freedom to use routes at certain times. Streets should remain safe at all times for everyone that needs to use them – and street lighting can play a big part in this.

“Safety should be considered a huge priority and not a luxury or a cost-saving opportunity.”

The Express has launched a Safer Streets campaign, demanding councils light up our roads.

Jo, who took gold in the 10,000m at the 2014 European Championships in Zurich 10 months after giving birth, says the darkness affects her training. “Street lighting enables me to see ahead to who or what is around me,” she added.

“I have time to identify any worrying situations and have time to turn back or change my route. It also gives a feeling of safety to know you are more visible to others so you don't feel completely alone. I do feel quite unsafe when I'm out walking or running in the dark. If I'm out walking back from an event, I find myself running out of anxiety and not feeling safe if there is not enough lighting.”

Devon-born Jo – who at Rio 2016 became the first British track athlete to compete in five consecutive Olympics – works with the This Girl Can campaign to help women become more active.

Chief Kate Dale said: “Being able to walk outside at any time of the day, for over half the population, sounds like a utopia. A place where a walk home from the train station or waiting for the bus at 11pm isn't met with feelings of fear and anxiety. Or constantly scanning the area with various items of ‘protection’ clutched between sweaty fingers and palms.

“Women cope with these fears daily. Women at work watching the sunset at 5.53pm knowing that it'll be dark by the time they walk home.

“It is not acceptable to have women feeling unsafe when walking, running or wheeling in our streets. We advocate for women being seen – literally and metaphorically. Street lights are crucial to their safety and comfort.”

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KEEP WOMEN SAFE ON OUR STREETS

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Jo wins gold at the 2014 European Championships

Sean Jefferson, who is 35

Dad guilty of murdering his baby girl

BY **STEPHANIE WAREHAM**

THE father of a five-week-old baby who died of a "catastrophic" brain injury after suffering more than 40 rib fractures during repeated assaults has been convicted of her murder.

Darcy-Leigh Jefferson's legs were also fractured at different times during the 10 days before her death on March 29, 2022, Stafford crown court was told.

The jury unanimously found Sean Jefferson, 35, guilty of murder and two counts of causing GBH with intent.

Darcy's mother Amy Clark, 34, was convicted of causing or allowing the death of a child and two counts of causing or allowing serious harm to a child.

She was cleared of causing GBH with intent. Charges of murder or manslaughter were dropped last week.

Jefferson, from Walsall, West Midlands, wore a grey tracksuit and shook his head as the verdicts were delivered.

Clark, who was in a green jumper, black trousers and beige coat, put her hand to her face. The jury forewoman was seen wiping her eyes.

Sentencing will be on a date to be set.

'Incorrigible and dangerous paedophile' who abused nursery children locked up for 24 years

Nathan Bennett abused kids aged two and three

BY **ROD MINCHIN**

A NURSERY worker who raped and abused young children in his care has been jailed.

Nathan Bennett, 30, preyed on toddlers aged two and three and was sentenced to 24 years after being found guilty of eight charges. They included rape and sexual assault involving five children.

In statements read to Bristol crown court, the parents of some of Bennett's victims detailed how he had destroyed their lives.

One mother said: "The guilt and anger has been overwhelming in that we sent him to the nursery, and we should have protected him. That is all we wanted to be able to do.

"What worries us is the future. What will he remember about his abuse? We will not know the true impact of his actions for many years.

"We are determined only one life will be ruined and it will not be our son's." The father of another child said: "It is hard to put into words the pain of being told that this has happened to your son and having to tell your partner."

Nursery which closed after Bennett's arrest

And the parents of a third added: "We feel manipulated, betrayed and completely let down. What we want is simple – that he never has access to children again."

Judge William Hart said: "Watching, as we did in this trial, footage of the little children running around and playing brings a smile to the face of any decent person... happy, innocent toddlers in a secure setting.

"But the children we see were not secure. You were lurking ready to abuse them and to pollute their innocence with your own vile desires. You are an incorrigible and dangerous paedophile with an uncontrollable sexual interest in male toddlers."

He added: "You prioritised your own sexual satisfaction over the welfare of these little children and that was due to your grossly distorted thinking and a degree of, to use an old-fashioned word, evil."

Police had launched an investigation after staff at Partou King Street nursery in Bristol caught Bennett on CCTV putting his hands down the trousers of a child. This led to his arrest last year and the closure of the nursery.

He was noted by staff to sit children on his lap for lengthy periods of time, wear a pair of trousers with holes in the crotch area, and seemed "territorial" over certain toddlers and their parents, the court heard.

The families of the children affected now say they want answers to how Bennett was able to commit his crimes.

In a statement issued by law firm Leigh Day, they said: "We entrusted our children to Partou King Street nursery believing they would be safe, cared for and nurtured.

Manipulated

"That trust was catastrophically broken by someone who abused his position in the most unimaginable way."

Avon and Somerset Det Insp Lucy Ford said: "Nathan Bennett is a predatory paedophile who grooms children in order to commit vile sexual crimes on very young victims. He manipulated his way into a position of trust which has given him access to victims who are just toddlers."

Store theft crimewave adding 11p every time you shop

BY **PAUL JEEVES** Crime Editor

BRITAIN'S shoplifting epidemic adds an 11p "crime tax" to every transaction made in local shops, exacerbating the cost-of-living crisis.

It comes as desperate retailers are forced to take expensive security measures to protect their livelihoods.

The Association of Convenience Stores 2026 Crime Report reveals that the cost of crime and the cost of prevention puts 11p on each of the millions of transactions made a day.

However, after the 50,000 stores that make up the sector invested a collective £313million in prevention and detection, retailers reported a small year-on-year fall in shoplifting.

In the last year, there were 5.8 million shop thefts recorded in the report, and just over 950,000 incidents of verbal abuse. The three most-targeted products were alcohol, confectionery and meat. It compares with 6.2m thefts and 1.2m abuse reports in 2025. The fall comes after convenience retailers spent heavily on areas such as CCTV, security tagging, protective screens, facial recognition and AI monitoring to keep stock secure and staff safe.

There was also more reporting of crime, with 64% of retailers saying they involved police more than last year. Previously many said they did not bother, claiming officers did not respond. However, pressure on forces – led by the Express's Stop The Shoplifters crusade – has seen an improvement in police attendance. Our campaign demands police attend all reported incidents.

ACS chief executive Ed Woodall said shop theft figures were "moving slowly in the right direction".

He added: "Recent efforts from the government and the police to tackle retail crime are welcome, along with an increased police presence."

Crime and policing minister, Sarah Jones, said: "I'm pleased this report shows the progress the government is making to tackle shop theft.

"Working alongside partners like ACS, charges are up by 21%.

"We are giving police the powers they need to crack down on perpetrators. An extra 3,000 neighbourhood officers will be in place by spring."

Thieves adding to store costs

QUARTER OF CUSTOMERS HAVE WITNESSED SHOPLIFTING

EXPRESS CRUSADE STOP THE SHOPLIFTERS

ONE in four shoppers have seen shoplifting in the past year and more than 14 million witnessed violence or abuse against retail staff, according to a study.

The British Retail Consortium poll highlights the scale of the thefts as gangs increasingly target high-value goods to sell on.

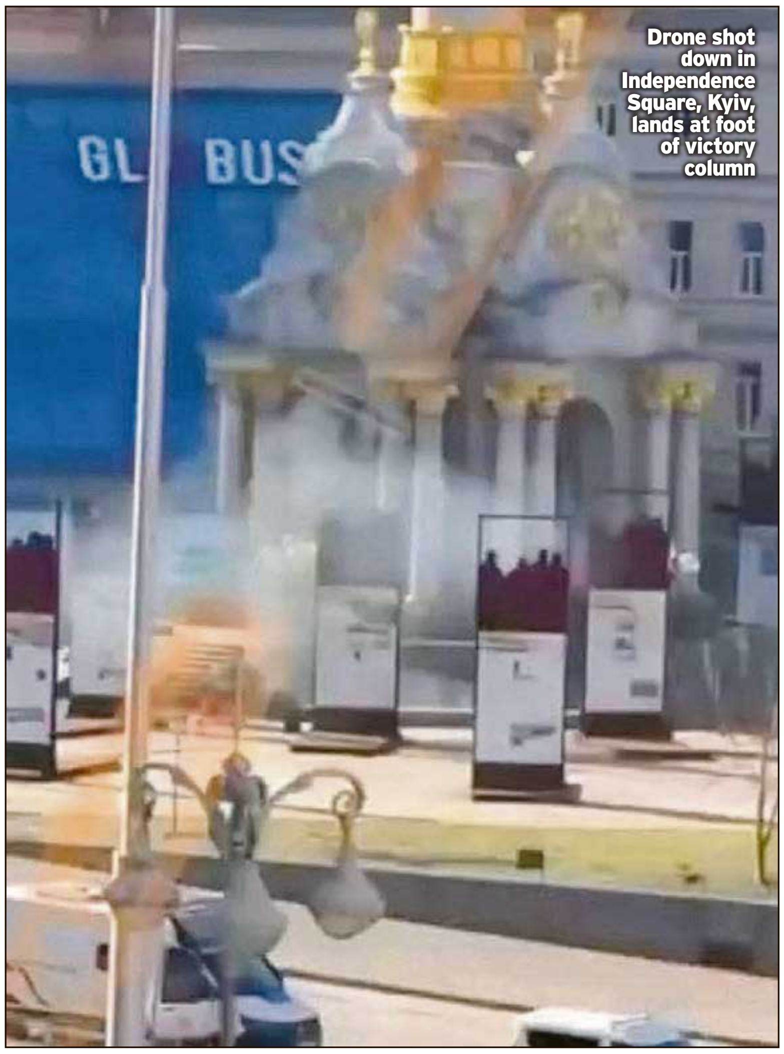
More than a fifth of people questioned (21%) saw incidents including racial or sexual abuse, assault or threats with weapons.

The survey found that delivery drivers too are often subjected to abuse, violence and threats with weapons. Retailers have spent some £5billion fighting crime in the past five years including CCTV, security staff, anti-theft devices and body-worn cameras – adding to financial pressures and increased till prices.

The highest proportion of people seeing violence and abuse was recorded in London (32%); the East of England had the lowest (13%). The capital was also joint top for shop theft at 29%, with the West Midlands.

BRC chief Helen Dickinson said: "An incident might last seconds, but for workers and bystanders the impact can last a lifetime."

Peaceful blue sky broken by buzzing terror of drones



Drone shot down in Independence Square, Kyiv, lands at foot of victory column

LIFE IN KYIV

JOHN MARONE

Despatch from the frontline

IT started out much like any other weekday morning these days in Ukraine's capital Kyiv yesterday: throngs of pedestrians busily making their way to work under a clear blue sky.

Sun shining, birds chirping...and a couple of Russian attack drones buzzing overhead.

No longer largely restricted to attacking at night, the Kremlin's drone and missile salvos on cities far from the front line have become more brazen, terrorising civilians as they walk, drive or take cover wherever they can.

Kyiv at 9am usually involves patriotic citizens standing for a minute in silence to honour those who have sacrificed their lives for their country.

People, some taking children to school, nervously looked over their shoulders as air defence troops blasted away to down the Shahed craft yesterday.

Ominously, the wreckage of one such attack drone crashed at the foot of the iconic victory column in Independence Square, scorching the pavements as the debris landed.

Near-miss for military souvenir seller Volodymyr Kaplin in Kyiv square

Andriy, who works in an office nearby, said he heard the explosions and decided to flee the building for fear that it would be hit.

He added: "But as soon as I stepped out on to the street it was so loud that I ducked into another building for cover."

Witnessing Independence Square being attacked again recalled for Andriy the 2014 Revolution of Dignity, when more than a hundred protesters were shot dead by police units. The atrocity led to Russia's initial invasion of Ukraine. He said: "There were Russian military in Kyiv killing Ukrainians then, too."

Volodymyr Kaplin, a Soviet Union-era submariner who now sells military souvenirs on the square, saw the Russian drone come down just a stone's throw from where he was standing.

He said: "They were shooting at it with everything they had but it kept swerving from side to side like a ship rocking on the waves."

But once hit it dropped like a stone. He added: "I saw what looked like tiny white stars bursting around it before there was a boom and pieces rained down."

Even as we spoke, the blare of sirens around the city started up once more and people took cover in the subways to try to avoid being hit by an incoming Russian ballistic missile.

No longer a monthly or even weekly outrage, these air attacks on large Ukrainian cities that can cause significant casualties are now occurring almost daily.

Just two days earlier a massive combined missile and drone assault on towns and villages north of the capital killed six people and wounded 20.

More than 400 unmanned aircraft and 50 missiles were used in the blitz, leaving a trail of fire and ruin in their deadly wake.

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£18.6bn to fix potholes ‘disgrace’

BY **NEIL LANCEFIELD**

MENDING pothole-plagued local roads will now cost a record £18.6billion, experts say.

It comes as only half (51%) of council-funded routes in England and Wales are in good condition, the Asphalt Industry Alliance found.

The body claimed this showed extra investment for potholes had failed to deliver “noticeable improvements”, though some 1.9 million were filled in the past year.

AIA chair David Giles called the situation “a national disgrace”.

Government funding for local authority roads maintenance was about £1.6bn in 2025/26 – a £500m uplift on the previous 12 months.

A total of £7.3bn has been announced for the four years up to 2029/30.

Bringing local roads to ideal condition will cost £18.6bn and take 12 years, the AIA said.

The Department for Transport said the report “rightly highlights the need to improve our roads” and it raised funding to help councils “fix the pothole plague”.

Migrant to leave after 33 crimes

BY **CHARLIE BRADLEY**

A FOREIGN criminal who has committed 33 offences in Britain over 30 years will be deported after a judge ruled he now meets the threshold.

Sydney Otsemobor, 48, is to be flown back to Nigeria following a 42-month jail term for possessing and intending to supply cocaine and MDMA.

He has 22 drugs convictions, with others including assault and cruelty to animals. But he had been allowed to stay because two of his four children live here and it would be “unduly harsh” to deport him.

The Home Office appealed the First Tier tribunal ruling and won.

Lawyers argued his offending undermined his assertion that he was integrated in Britain after moving here aged 14 to join his father.

He is estranged from his UK children, while the others are in Finland and Italy. Deputy Upper Tribunal Judge Mark Symes said: “It is very difficult to see how his presence is vital to...any of these young people.”

Snow time to play it cool, I’ve won £1m!

BY **DAN WARBURTON**

LINDSEY Barnes made history as the nation’s 8,000th Lotto millionaire – and sloped off for a VIP snowboarding lesson with the whole family.

The factory worker, 44, won with a last-minute lucky dip and toasted her windfall with workmates and champagne.

Lindsey, husband Paul Roach, 47, and the five kids in their blended family then headed to Manchester’s Snow Centre for tutoring from Olympian Aimee Fuller, 34.

They’ll test their new skills in Austria together soon. Meantime, Lindsey, from Surrey, has splurged on a new BMW Series 2. She said: “Every time I get in my car, I giggle. There are 7,999 others who have been in this position, hopefully they have also giggled with joy at their amazing lucky moments too.”

Lotto £1,000,000 Winner
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Lindsey and Paul on top of the world after her win with a lesson from star Aimee, below

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Each asylum seeker is costing Britain £19,000

BY **JONATHAN WALKER** Whitehall Editor

ASYLUM seekers have each cost British taxpayers over £14,000 more per year than other major nations, an official watchdog says.

It comes as the UK is set to spend £2.1billion on their welfare, but is failing to get value for money, experts claim.

The Independent Commission for Aid Impact – which reports to MPs – found Britain is spending more on asylum seekers than similar countries.

The cost of support including housing and welfare was £19,163 per person here in 2022/23, but an average of just £4,600 in other major nations.

The UK had the highest costs per head of all major donor countries, with Ireland coming in second at £14,500 per person.

Commission experts warned Home Office officials had little incentive to make efficiencies, because asylum support comes out of the UK aid budget – designed to cut poverty overseas – not from Home Office funds.

Highlighting the funding, officially called in-donor refugee costs (IDRC), it said the system “has not encouraged long-term planning to secure improvements in value for money”.

A 2023 review “found a range of poor procurement and contract management practices” on large accommodation contracts,” the ICAI said. Despite spending set to fall from £2.8bn in the last financial year, to £2.1bn in 2025-26, the watchdog said it was “far above historical levels”.

It added: “The government projects only modest reductions in IDRC in coming years, suggesting IDRC will continue to absorb approximately one-fifth of the UK aid budget.”

Moving asylum seekers from hotels was unlikely to cut costs, it said.

Home Office officials told the ICAI they focused “on meeting their statutory obligations”, while the impact on the aid budget was “outside their control”. The commission said this confirmed findings of a previous review “which noted the Home Office was not required to finance the rising costs of hotel accommodation through reductions elsewhere in its budget”.

Aid charities have condemned using overseas development funds for asylum support.

Keir Starmer said in February 2025 that aid spending would fall to 0.3% of GDP, down from 0.5%, to fund a higher defence budget.

Taahra Ghazi, of the ActionAid UK charity, said: “This report suggests the Overseas Development Assistance budget is increasingly being used to plug wider government spending pressures. Women and girls around the world are paying the price through cuts to education, healthcare and protection from gender-based violence.”

A Home Office spokesperson said: “For too long, including under the previous government, Overseas Development Assistance has been used to fund asylum costs.

“This government is driving those costs down, saving nearly £1bn in overall asylum costs last year.”

REFORM SAYS IT HAS SAVED TAXPAYERS £700M AT ITS COUNCILS

Deputy leader Richard Tice defended Reform’s record

BY **JONATHAN WALKER**

COUNCILS led by Reform have saved more than £700million and set lower tax rises than other parties, Richard Tice insists.

Its deputy leader admitted to “stumbles” after Reform took over 10 local authorities last year. Ahead of May 7 elections, he said: “Reform UK promised to slash the waste and keep taxes low for hardworking families, and that’s exactly what we’ve delivered.”

Critics accuse Reform of failing to stick to a vow to cut council tax.

The party denies it made that pledge but says the average rise at its nine majority-run councils this year is 3.94%, in Labour-run town halls it is 4.71%, for Lib Dems it is 5.49% and for Tory-led councils it is 4.9%.

Mr Tice said Reform had kept its promise to cut waste, with Kent County Council saving £32m over five years by scrapping a net zero renewable energy programme, Durham delivering a £73m long-term saving by renegotiating an unfavourable incinerator deal and Lincolnshire re-procuring IT contracts for a long-term saving of £30m.

Polling expert Peter Kellner last night said that support for Reform “has fallen significantly in the past five months”, though it remains the most popular party, with concern about its record in local government part of the problem for voters.

The King loves the girls but goodwill has a shelf-life

With questions now surrounding their lavish lifestyles, and ministers demanding an investigation into the House of York's finances, royal experts argue that Charles must act now to remove the titles of Princesses Beatrice and Eugenie

EXCLUSIVE

By Karen Rockett

PRINCESSES Beatrice and Eugenie should give up their royal titles before any more scandals that would be "ruinous" for them emerge, a growing number of royal experts believe. And should they refuse, the King must remove them himself before they are forever tarnished by their "disgraced parasite parents".

Robert Jobson, author of The Windsor Legacy, which claimed Andrew hosted sordid sex parties at Sandringham, believes the situation now requires "a 1917 moment".

"George V stripped his German relatives of their titles without blinking, changed the family name, drew a line – it worked," he says. "Charles and William need that same nerve. Beatrice and Eugenie are not their father. Everyone knows that. But goodwill has a shelf-life."

While King Charles "has a genuine fondness for Beatrice and Eugenie, who have always been close to him", Jobson asserts that affinity only goes so far when the Firm itself is at risk.

"My understanding is that the princesses have been firmly advised to keep their heads down, avoid any moves that might generate headlines, and certainly not to do anything that looks like a play for relevance or rehabilitation for their parents," he continues. "Their brand is deeply toxic – Andrew's association with Jeffrey Epstein continues to cast a long shadow."

Alexander Larman, author of three books on the House of Windsor, says any more revelations regarding their parents and the Epstein files would be "ruinous" for the sisters.

He regards their ban from Royal Ascot this summer as the start of their inevitable eviction from the Royal Family.

Beatrice, 37, and Eugenie, 35, are also expected to be absent from the Royal Family's Easter church service, Trooping the Colour, the Chelsea Flower Show and the Wimbledon Championships. The royal cold shoulder comes after the sisters reportedly rebuffed Prince William's request for an "ethics check" into their personal finances following concern about their lavish lifestyles.

"It's always been slightly opaque as to where their money comes from," says Larman. "They're not working royals, so have no public subsidy, and both have high-profile jobs, which, admittedly, are probably due to their status as members of the Royal Family, and wealthy husbands.

"But their lifestyles are far in excess of what most observers would imagine would be 'normal', and so the suspicion is that they have been receiving funds from a source that they might not want discussed."

Royal commentator Richard Fitzwilliams believes the princesses' jet-set lifestyles have always sat uncomfortably with the public. Beatrice reportedly had 17 holidays in 2015 while earning £19,000 at Sony as an international production analyst.

"People were asking what the point of them was and how they got their money," he says.

"Beatrice and Eugenie are now both married with jobs, and perhaps the way forward is – like with the Sussexes – not to strip them of their titles but [come to] an agreement that they do not use them."

SINCE their alleged reluctance to cooperate with Prince William's request over their finances, things have got markedly worse for the Yorks.

Their father, Andrew Mountbatten-Windsor, was arrested last month on suspicion of misconduct in public office, leaving his daughters devastated.

Both princesses are repeatedly mentioned in the latest dump of Epstein files, which reveal they lunched with a convicted paedophile in Palm Beach, Florida, less than a week after his release from prison for soliciting a child for prostitution.

At the time, Eugenie was 19, and Beatrice 21. Fitzwilliams says that although they were with their mother, Sarah Ferguson, "they were adults". Meanwhile, Larman believes it all boils down to money. "A vast amount depends on whether they received money from Epstein or not," he says.

"We know that he met them and that they had tea with him but, as yet, there are no financial disclosures about them benefitting from such an association." He adds: "If that does come out, it will be ruinous."

In the files, Epstein appears to ask Ferguson, "Could you ask one of your daughters to show (redacted) Buckingham thanks."

She is said to have replied: "Of course." In another email, Fergie apologises, saying the girls were not around, and explaining their whereabouts.

While Beatrice and Eugenie are not directly implicated in wrongdoing, they may be damned by their parents' association with the late Epstein.

This comes amid growing calls from ministers for a formal investigation into the York family's wealth.

It follows leaked emails alleging Prince Andrew sought "£50,000 each" from billionaire financier David Rowland for his daughters during his tenure as Britain's trade

Mother Sarah with Beatrice and Eugenie

Sisters with the late Queen and King Charles

Princess Beatrice, left, and Princess Eugenie together

Family picture with Andrew from 2003

Sisters are all smiles at Christmas in 1997

envoy. Jobson says the sisters are almost certainly angry with their parents.

BUT "Andrew has torched their reputation with his own hand, Sarah has been a tabloid disaster for three decades," he says. "They're too smart to say it publicly. But the anger is there.

"That said, they were adults when they agreed to meet up with Epstein and get their flights paid for to Miami after he was released."

While Prince Harry is said to have offered an olive branch to the princesses – and a place to stay at his Montecito mansion in California – he is no longer a member of the "slimmed-down monarchy". Larman believes part of the problem is that the sisters, particularly Beatrice, share their mother Sarah's character – a stark contrast to the grace of Catherine, Princess of Wales.

"Catherine is a reserved, poised, quite formal, although not po-faced character," he explains.

"[Beatrice and Eugenie] are loud, forceful and like to be the centre of attention in social situations. They're very different characters and, like Sarah, operate as 'bulls in china shops' a lot of the time."

Catherine is believed to be "wary" of the sisters. They reportedly snubbed her much-loved sister, Pippa, at a fashion show in 2008, refusing to move up and let her join them on the front row.

"Snubbing Pippa was a silly, thoughtless move, but the family have done plenty of that in their time," says Larman.

Trouble has also reportedly hit the sisters professionally. Anti-Slavery International announced last week that Eugenie had stepped down as its patron after seven years.

No reason was given for the severing of ties, but the decision comes hot on the heels of the latest release of Epstein files.

Separately, the Charity Commission said it was "assessing concerns" about "charitable spending" at another of Eugenie's charities, The Anti-Slavery Collective.

Away from her work, Eugenie has been married to husband Jack Brooksbank since 2018 and is the mother of sons August, five, and Ernest, two.

Beatrice, who currently serves as Vice-President of Strategic Partnerships at software company Afiniti, is ninth in line to the throne. In 2020, she married Edoardo Mapelli Mozzi, an English-born property developer of Italian noble descent. They have two daughters: Sienna, four, and Athena, one.

EUGENIE "offers a more controlled public exterior, but it's hard to have a real sense of what either of them is truly like," says Larman, whose most recent royal book is Power and Glory: Elizabeth II and the Rebirth of Royalty. He adds: "We have to remember that we know comparatively little about them.

"As for the future, they know that they are tarred by the same association, and so it would be surprising to see Beatrice give a tell-all interview to US television in exchange for money, as her mother might.

"But who knows with them? I am sure they are concerned for their parents' futures, but they're equally concerned for their own, too."

Jobson says that, while "nobody gives up a title voluntarily, without royal duties an HRH is a target, not a shield".

He adds: "It ties them to Andrew. To Epstein. To all of it.

"Charles loves those girls. Always has. But he won't go to war for Andrew – and they know it.

"William is cold-eyed about the institution. Unsentimental. Catherine backs people who stay quiet and get on with things.

"Of the three, Charles is the only one who actually cares.

"But, in the end, the rule should be simple: you work for the Crown, you keep the title.

"You don't, you don't. Charles and William need to make that call."

Buckingham Palace has been approached for comment.

Sheen cleans up to fill Richard Osman's shoes on TV quiz hit

Osman and Sheen, inset

BY **MARK JEFFERIES**

THE Queen star Michael Sheen has taken over as House of Games host.

The Emmy-nominated actor replaces Richard Osman on the next series of the BBC Two quiz, after the 6ft 7in presenter's nine-year run.

Best-selling novelist Osman, 55, revealed recently that he was stepping down to make space for more writing.

Sheen, 57 – Tony Blair in the 2006 royal film – said: "Quite literally very large shoes to fill but as a huge fan of the show I'm incredibly excited to be able to move into the House and at long last see my silhouette on a fondue set."

He will preside over the recording of 100 episodes broadcast this year.

Tamara Gilder, joint managing director for show makers Remarkable Entertainment, said: "We are thrilled to be handing Michael Sheen the keys to House of Games."

The show has been a BBC staple since 2017 – the current series 9 pulls in 1.6 million viewers per episode.

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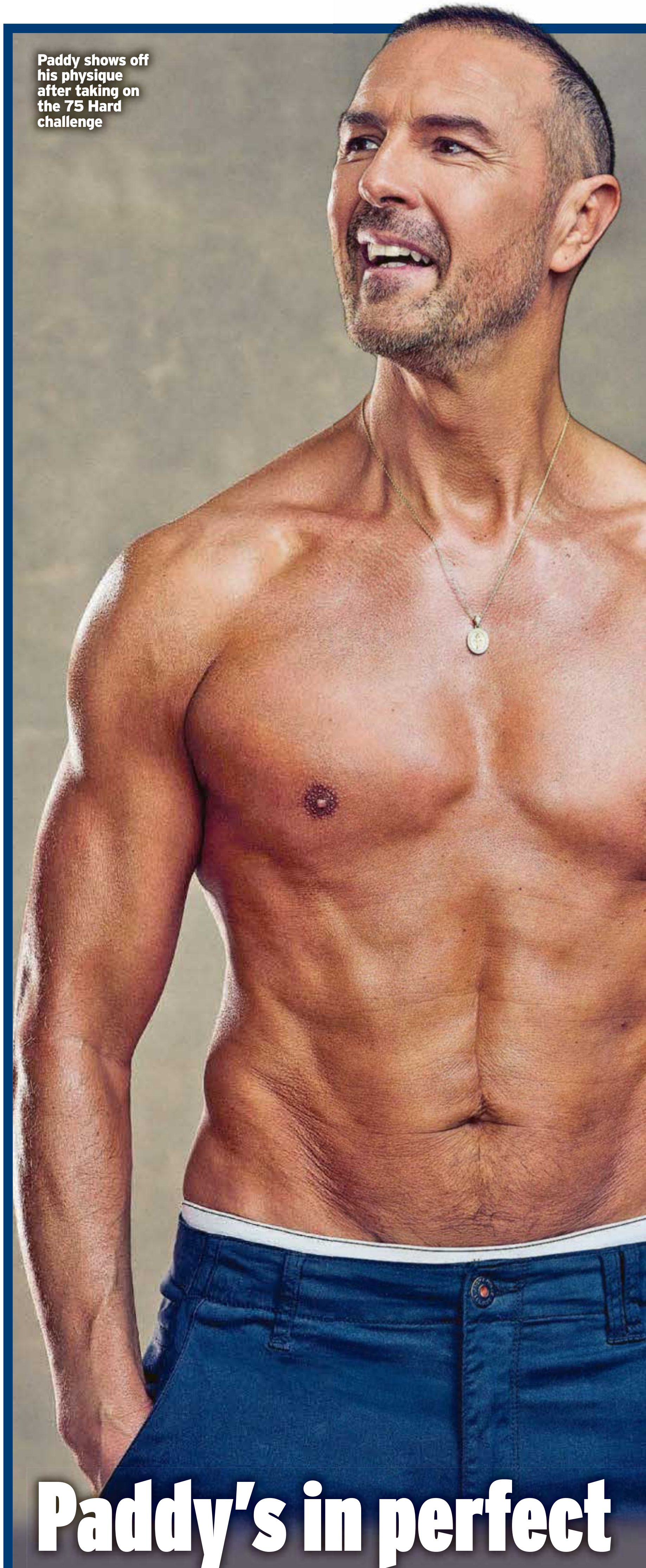

Paddy shows off his physique after taking on the 75 Hard challenge

Paddy's in perfect

BY **MARK JEFFERIES**

INSIDE the Factory host Paddy McGuinness reveals he is built like a machine after a 75-day health regime.

The BBC One presenter, 52, said he wanted to show other men his age what is possible.

He did the 75 Hard challenge by Andy Frisella, which is designed to test resilience. Participants follow strict daily rules, including sticking to a diet, avoiding alcohol, drinking four litres of water, taking progress photos, reading 10 pages of non-fiction and doing two 45-minute workouts - one of which must be outdoors.

Paddy, who is on the cover of Men's Health, told the magazine: "I think one of the biggest things is the clarity you feel - you're reading books every night, you're in a routine, your diet's good."

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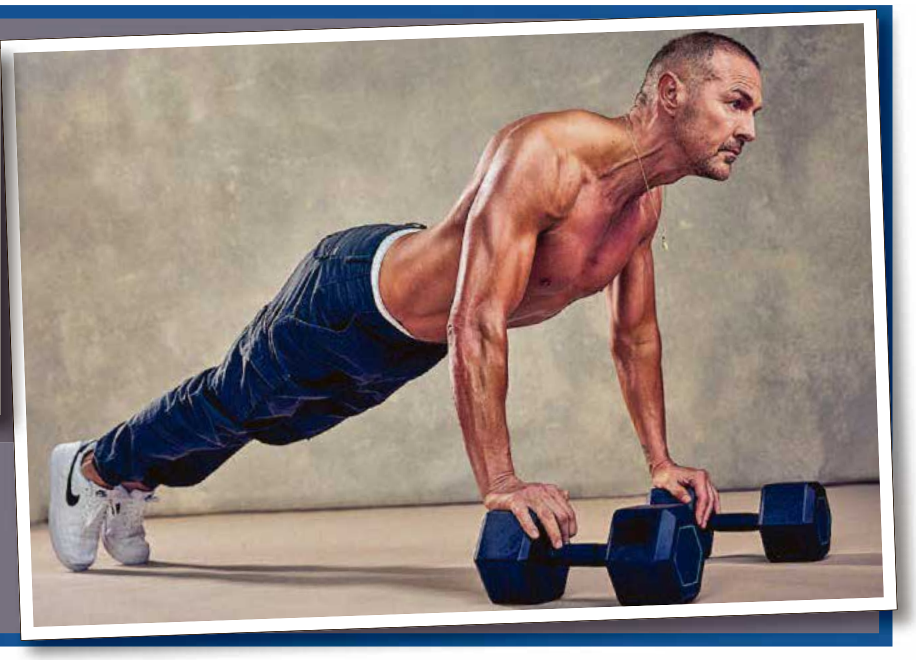
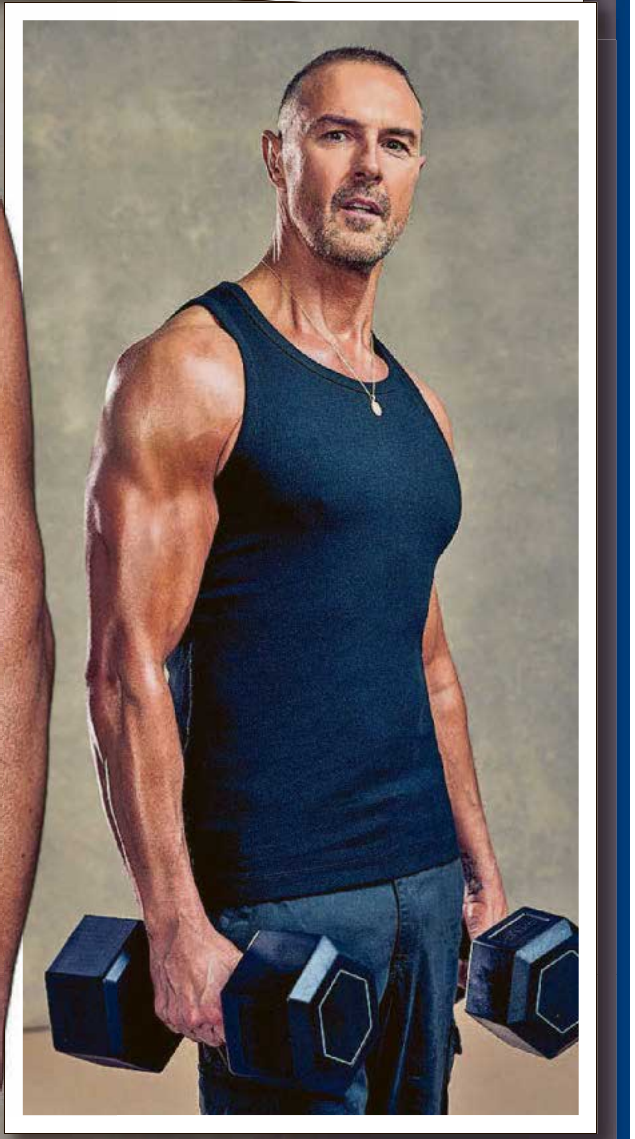
The results are worth the weight for TV and radio host Paddy, who is cover star for Men's Health





shape at age 52

He added: "You look at Men's Health over the years, and the people who've been on the front of it, and you go, 'My God, they look like they've been carved out of stone'.

"Just on a personal note, being 52 and a regular bloke, it's nice to show other blokes it's attainable."

Paddy, who has a Radio 2 show as well as his BBC One series, celebrated finishing his challenge with a curry and a milkshake - but said it didn't live up to expectations.

"I ate it...but I just felt like s***."

Last weekend the star told his radio listeners that he helped his three kids, who have autism, make a Mother's Day breakfast for their mum - his ex-wife Christine - at the home they still share in Cheshire.

● *The full interview is in April's issue of Men's Health UK, on sale now.*

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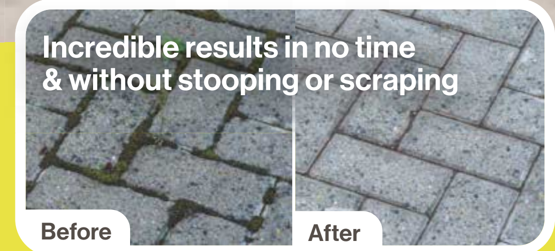
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Parkinson's drug made from plastic

BY **NICK FORBES**

A MEDICINE for Parkinson's disease has been created by UK scientists using waste plastic bottles.

The process also involves E. coli bacteria to turn polyethylene terephthalate, or PET – a type of plastic used widely in food and drink packaging – into the medication L-DOPA.

First, the PET is broken down into its chemical building blocks of terephthalic acid. This is then transformed by the bacteria into L-DOPA through a series of biological reactions.

The researchers at the University of Edinburgh say their breakthrough could pave the way for other new products made from waste, including flavourings, fragrances, cosmetics and industrial chemicals.

Leader Prof Stephen Wallace said: "This feels like just the beginning."

The study, funded by UK Research and Innovation and the Industrial Biotechnology Innovation Centre, is published in the journal Nature Sustainability.

Organ TLC units boost transplants

BY **JANE KIRBY**

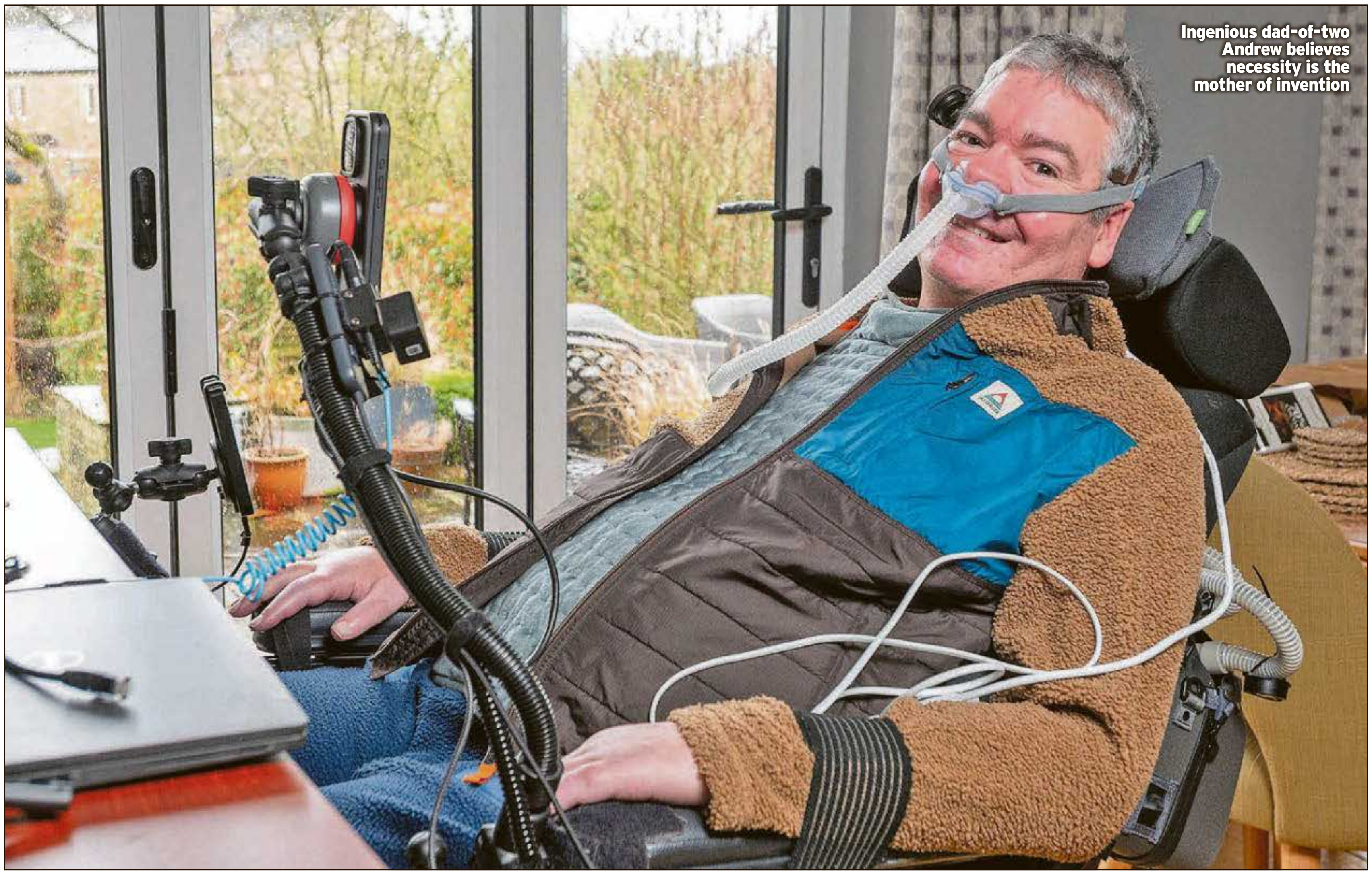
TRANSPLANT chiefs are creating the world's first national network of units to increase the viability of donor organs.

It is hoped a fifth more operations could go ahead each year if a technique to extend the life of organs, check and recondition them is more widely used.

Perfusion runs oxygenated blood or nutrient-rich fluids through donations, extending their life and buying time for their function to be assessed.

Three lung centres and 12 liver and kidney units from Edinburgh to London will pilot the work, help standardise the care and learn the best locations to site them permanently. It could lead to 750 more ops a year when 8,000 are on waiting lists.

NHS transplant boss Derek Manas said: "For livers, you can probably extend the time to 12 to 24 hours. We're not sure exactly how long we can extend the time for, but it certainly will make a significant difference to transplants."


Ingenious dad-of-two Andrew believes necessity is the mother of invention

MND man invents cracking Wallace and Gromit-style gadgets to ease daily tasks

BY **JAMES CONNOLLY**

BRILLIANT Andrew Herbert is creating a new life for himself in a home stuffed with Wallace & Gromit-style inventions after being diagnosed with motor neurone disease.

They range from AI-powered cameras to monitor his ventilator overnight to the motorised contraption that rolls back his duvet while playing the Aardman heroes' theme tune.

Andrew, who was diagnosed with the neurological condition that attacks nerves in the brain and spinal cord in 2022, said: "Necessity is the mother of invention. When I'm sitting here, I have plenty of time to think about how I can solve problems."

Chickadee

The 55-year-old ran and cycled – including a weekly 64-mile round trip to work – until he noticed he was getting weaker four years ago.

Tests revealed the dad of two had MND, which slowly weakens muscles, leaving patients increasingly unable to walk, talk, eat or breathe independently. Andrew, who is chief technology officer at loan firm Novuna, said: "It's a life-changing event.

"I was thinking about my family – and how they're going to manage with me deteriorating." As his condition progressed he began to find ways to outwit it. Using open-source smart home software called Home Assistant, he created a network of devices that lets him muck in with chores, from checking if the washing machine is full to what bins need to go out.

The bed-cover gadget was built from motors for drapes. Andrew said: "I'd get too hot or cold in bed, so I fitted the curtain openers – they actually work really well. A lot of what I do is just for fun, as well as being useful."

At his front door in Skipton, North Yorks, facial recognition software identifies approaching carers and plays a little musical theme to welcome them. Inside, the AI camera scans readings on his ventilator while he sleeps so he can check them the next morning.

A similar set-up lets him bird-watch. Andrew said: "There's AI on the bird feeder that identifies any interesting birds that visit – but it can make mistakes as it is an American program.

"The other day, it told me there was a chickadee in the garden."

Despite the challenges of MND, he still works three days a week leading major technology projects for his firm, which serves more than 1.3 million customers. He has also helped inspire colleagues to take part in fundraising activities supporting organisations including the MND Association. They have also backed the My Name'5 Doddie Foundation, founded by the late rugby star Doddie Weir before his death at 52 from MND in 2022. Andrew said sharing his inventions online is important to him.

He said: "People with MND should try to find creative outlets when they can't do what they used to be able to do. This is an area where I can be creative and get a real sense of purpose."

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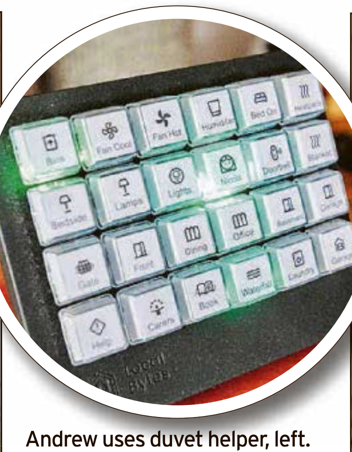

Andrew uses duvet helper, left. Above, board which controls inventions. Right, Wallace

Suzi playing the 2024 Wacken fest in Germany

Suzi at home in Essex, right. Alice Cooper calls her his little sister

By **Hannah Britt**

SHE might have rocked over to the UK 55 years ago but Suzi Quatro is so proud of her American roots that she only took up British citizenship three weeks ago.

The leather-clad singer and bassist was given her big break on these shores when in 1971, she was spotted by producer Mickie Most, who brought her to England to join his RAK label.

Mickie promised to launch her solo career and make her "the first Suzi Quatro" rather than "the next Janis Joplin" and she never looked back.

After a string of hits including Can the Can and Devil Gate Drive, Suzi married her Scottish lead guitarist Len Tuckey and they brought up their two children Richard Leonard and Laura in a manor house in Chelmsford, Essex.

But despite being such an Anglophile, Suzi has only just recently became a fully fledged citizen. She says: "The queen of rock and roll swore allegiance to the King of England.

"I don't consider myself to be British, I never would. I don't like it when people switch their accents and roots. I was born and raised in Detroit. Nobody has ever spoken to me and mistaken me for being British.

"But I love this country. I've put down roots here. My children were born and raised here. I was married to a British guy, although now I'm married to a German.

"I like your fairness. You're fair people. I think you're the most democratic nation in the world. I love your sense of humour, but it takes a bit of getting used to. Once you get it, it's brilliant.

"You're very loyal people. If you have a British friend, you have them for life."

Although she was born in the Motor City, Suzi says there is one thing that makes her shake in her leather boots, the prospect of the driving test she is taking this week.

She tells the Mirror: "I'm a pretty brave person. But being tested is terrifying. I was told when I started

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‘The queen of rock ’n’ roll from the US swore allegiance to the King of England’

Out on tour and pitch perfect, leather-clad Suzi Quatro tells of enduring pride in her US roots as she tightens ties with Britain

In 1974, the year she had hit with Devil Gate Drive

Suzi shows that dreaded learner plate

to drive in this country that my American licence was fine. And over the years I was insured, I had speeding tickets.”

However, unbeknown to her, Suzi’s US licence was only valid for 12 months so she has been driving over here illegally for five decades.

SHE says: “Can you believe it? I only found out in January because the US laws changed too, and they won’t renew your American licence unless you can prove you have been in the particular state your license is from for the last six months, and of course I can’t. So I needed a British licence.”

She adds: “L plates. They drive me round the bend. I’m 75 for god’s sake, I’ve been driving since I was 16.

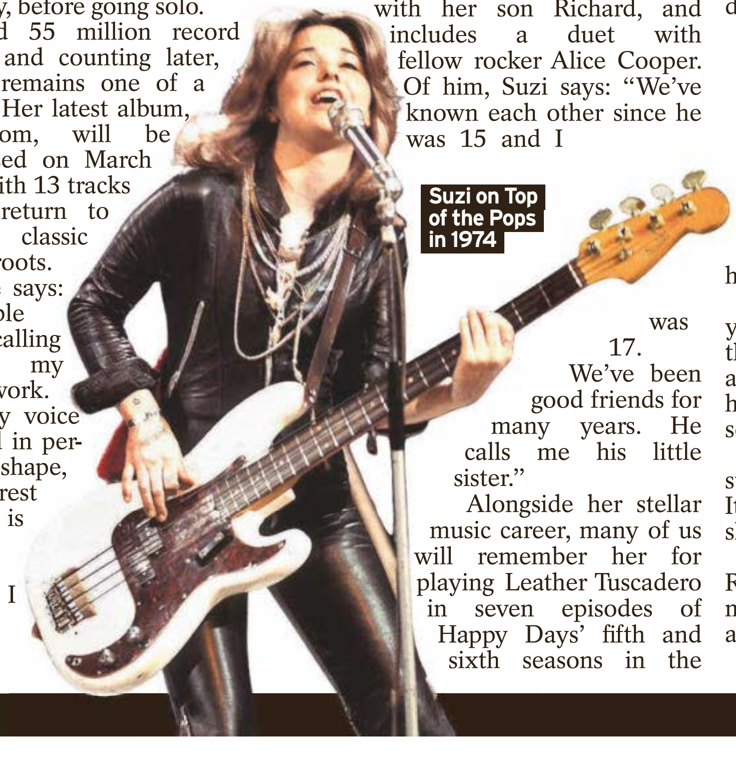
“I’m hoping whoever tests me is a fan. Wouldn’t it be great if I got someone testing me who hates my music?” Born into a musical family, her dad Art being a big band leader, Suzi cut her cloth playing in band The Pleasure Seekers with her sisters, Arlene, Patti and Nancy, before going solo.

And 55 million record sales and counting later, Suzi remains one of a kind. Her latest album, Freedom, will be released on March 27, with 13 tracks that return to her classic rock roots.

She says: “People are calling this my best work.

“My voice is still in perfect shape, the rest of me is in shape too. I can’t not make music, it’s what I was born to do. I would hate not to go on stage.

“After 62 years, my God, it would be like cutting my arm off.”



Suzi on Top of the Pops in 1974

The new record was produced with her son Richard, and includes a duet with fellow rocker Alice Cooper. Of him, Suzi says: “We’ve known each other since he was 15 and I was 17. We’ve been good friends for many years. He calls me his little sister.”

Alongside her stellar music career, many of us will remember her for playing Leather Tuscadero in seven episodes of Happy Days’ fifth and sixth seasons in the mid-1970s. But Suzi does not see herself as a trailblazer.

She says: “I kicked down the door because I didn’t see the door. I wasn’t aware that I was being different.

WHEN I told my dad I wanted to play bass, he simply said, ‘Good’ and gave me a bass. He had two bits of advice.

“Firstly, ‘This is your job, this is your profession’. Second, ‘If there’s 10 or 10,000 people in the audience, they’ve all put their hand in their pocket and paid to see you. You owe them’.

“And that has kept me on the straight and narrow my entire life. It went in my head as the Bible of showbusiness.”

Married to concert promoter Rainer Haas since 1993, next month, Suzi embarks on a hotly anticipated UK tour.

But saying she is a good Catholic girl, Suzi has eschewed the sex, drugs and rock and roll lifestyle and says her post-show routine has always been pretty wholesome.

She explains: “I do the same thing I’ve always done. After a gig, I have one glass of Champagne with the band, then I go to my room. I shower, hang my suit inside out to dry and come down for about two hours, then go to bed.”

Calling rock ’n’ roll a way of life, Suzi says she has always evoked the Elvis spirit throughout her career and has no thoughts of quitting any time soon.

She says: “Someone once asked me when I was going to retire when I was 35. Isn’t that crazy?

“And look at me now. I’m 75 and still pitch perfect. I will retire when I go on stage and I do not deliver to my standard... And when that happens, God knows when because I’m on a high right now, I will say, ‘Thank you, it’s been a wonderful ride, good night’.”

● *Freedom is out on March 27. Her UK tour kicks off on April 7. Visit www.suziquatro.com*

30-SECOND CHALLENGE

JUST follow the instructions from left to right, starting with the number given to reach an answer at the end of the row. Set your own 30-second challenge. For the very young or arithmetically rusty, you have 30 seconds for the BEGINNER task.

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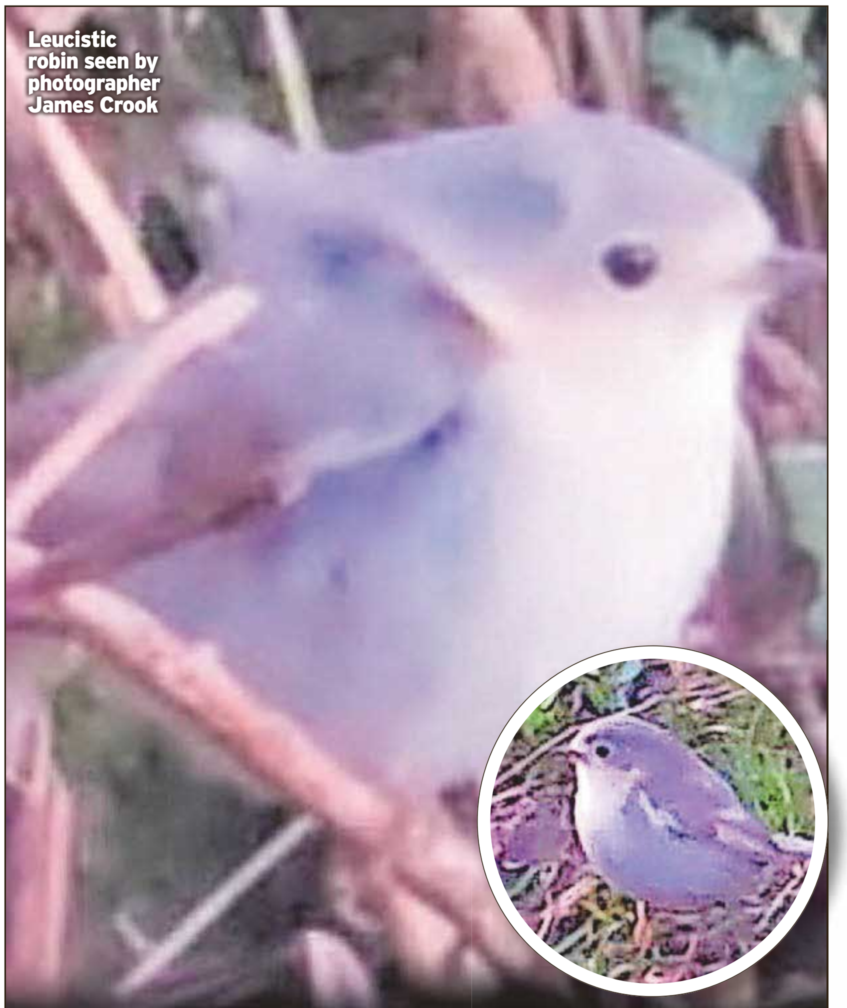


Leucistic robin seen by photographer James Crook

Rare robin white breast spotted

BY **LAUREN BEAVIS**

A WILDLIFE photographer has captured footage of an "extremely rare" white robin.

James Crook, 31, was thrilled to spot the leucistic robin in woodland earlier this month.

The bird has a genetic mutation which is believed to occur in only around one in 30,000 of the species around the world.

The condition results in reduced pigmentation causing a pale colour in a variety of animals including birds, mammals and reptiles.

This particular bird has a white breast, grey body and black eyes. James said the sighting in Ivybridge, Devon, was only the second leucistic robin he has seen in four years. He said: "I thought I was seeing things at first.

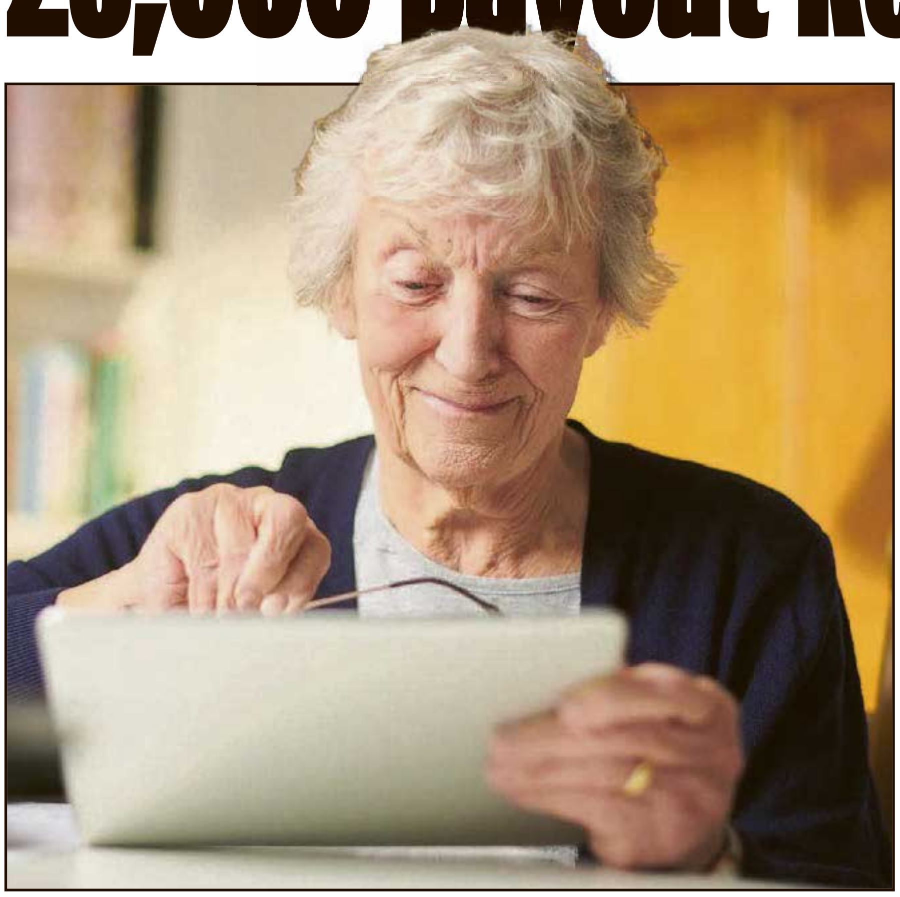
"I was quite shocked as you really don't see very many of these birds in the UK – they are pretty rare and just gorgeous.

"What a special experience. I haven't seen him around since, but fingers crossed I see them again."

The Crusader Fighting for your rights

By MAISHA FROST

£5,000 payout ReAssures 91-year-old



QUIDS IN: Crusader came to the rescue after delays in the transfer of an investment

A VERY welcome £5,000 is now in a saver's bank account after she belatedly spotted how her investment with life and pensions business ReAssure was losing value and the payout was taking longer than she expected.

"I'm 91 so time is very important to me and the longer this goes on the more I lose," Margaret Nash told Crusader when asking for our support earlier this year.

Crusader was hopeful from the off that the matter could be settled quickly as ReAssure had responded in writing last November, sending her release documents to complete.

Margaret did that and received confirmation just before Christmas.

She was concerned however as two following responses were non-committal, promising ReAssure would get back to her "as soon as possible".

Now with Crusader chasing progress too, there's success. We received a prompt response from ReAssure and it kept its word with the transfer arriving in Margaret's bank account just a few weeks ago.

Relieved, of course, she is also delighted to accept its £200 goodwill offer for the brief lack of timing clarity too.

Transfers and settlements generally can take longer these days. ReAssure, part of the Phoenix Group, focuses on managing what's known as closed pensions and long-term life insurance products, ones not open to new contributions.

But whatever the plan and however old it is, regular checks on how it is doing are essential. It was only when Margaret took a closer look at a recent statement did she see how poorly it was faring – losing hundreds of pounds annually.

At her age she has decided more immediate benefits are the order of the day, such as treating herself and sharing some of the cash with her grandchildren.

● *Name has been changed*

IF SWITCHING tariffs or locking in a deal are top of your energy list this spring, Compare the Market (comparethemarket.com) has this advice so you are best prepared.

If a supplier withdraws a fixed deal as you switch, the tariff is normally reserved for you if you have submitted it. Take a meter reading on the day to ensure accurate billing. Always check exit fees before committing, many fixed-term tariffs charge a penalty that is linked to an energy type and there's usually a 14-day cooling off period should you need it.

Consider too a supplier's financial stability and customer service record. Look beyond the headline price and key details such as standing charges, contract length and if the plan suits your meter type and usage patterns.

Make sure your account with your current supplier is up to date to avoid any delays in the transfer process.

If you want help with a problem or wish to applaud good service, we will do our best to help. We can't always promise a reply but please contact The Crusader, Daily Express, One Canada Square, Canary Wharf, London E14 5AP. Email: crusader@express.co.uk. Only send document copies, not originals. ALWAYS INCLUDE YOUR PHONE NUMBER, thank you.

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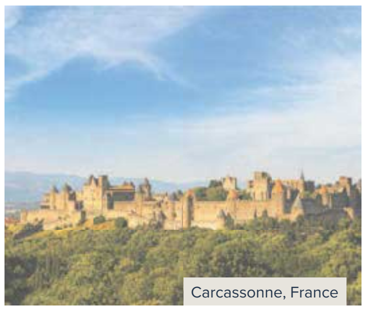

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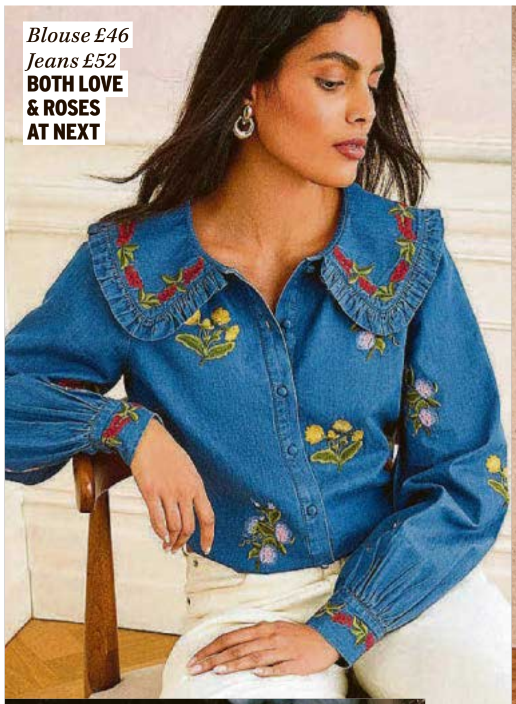

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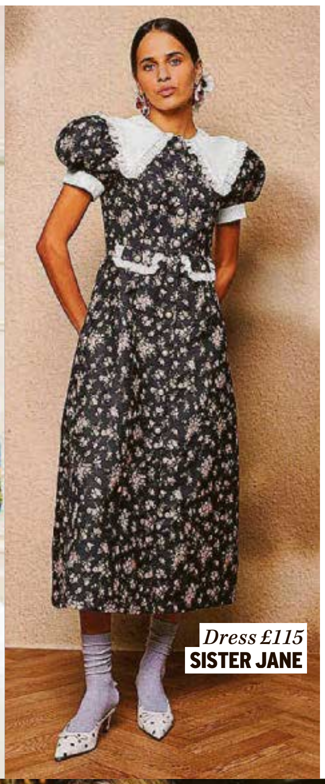

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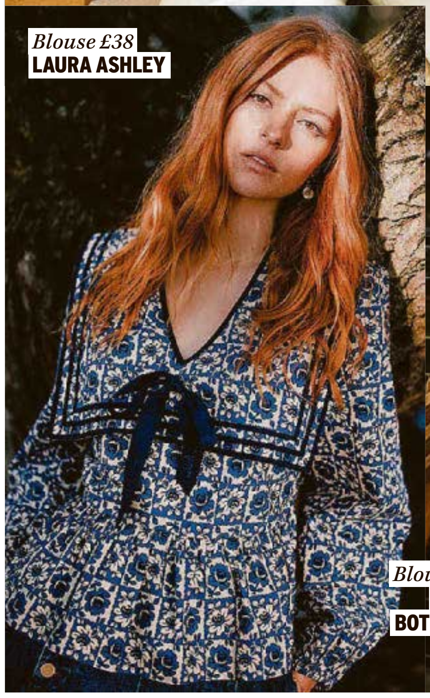

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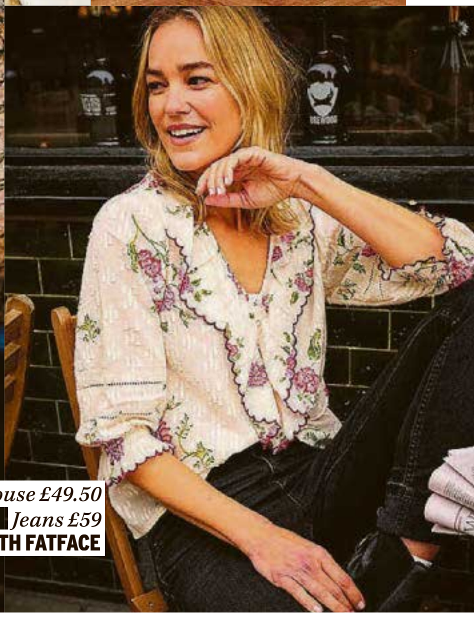

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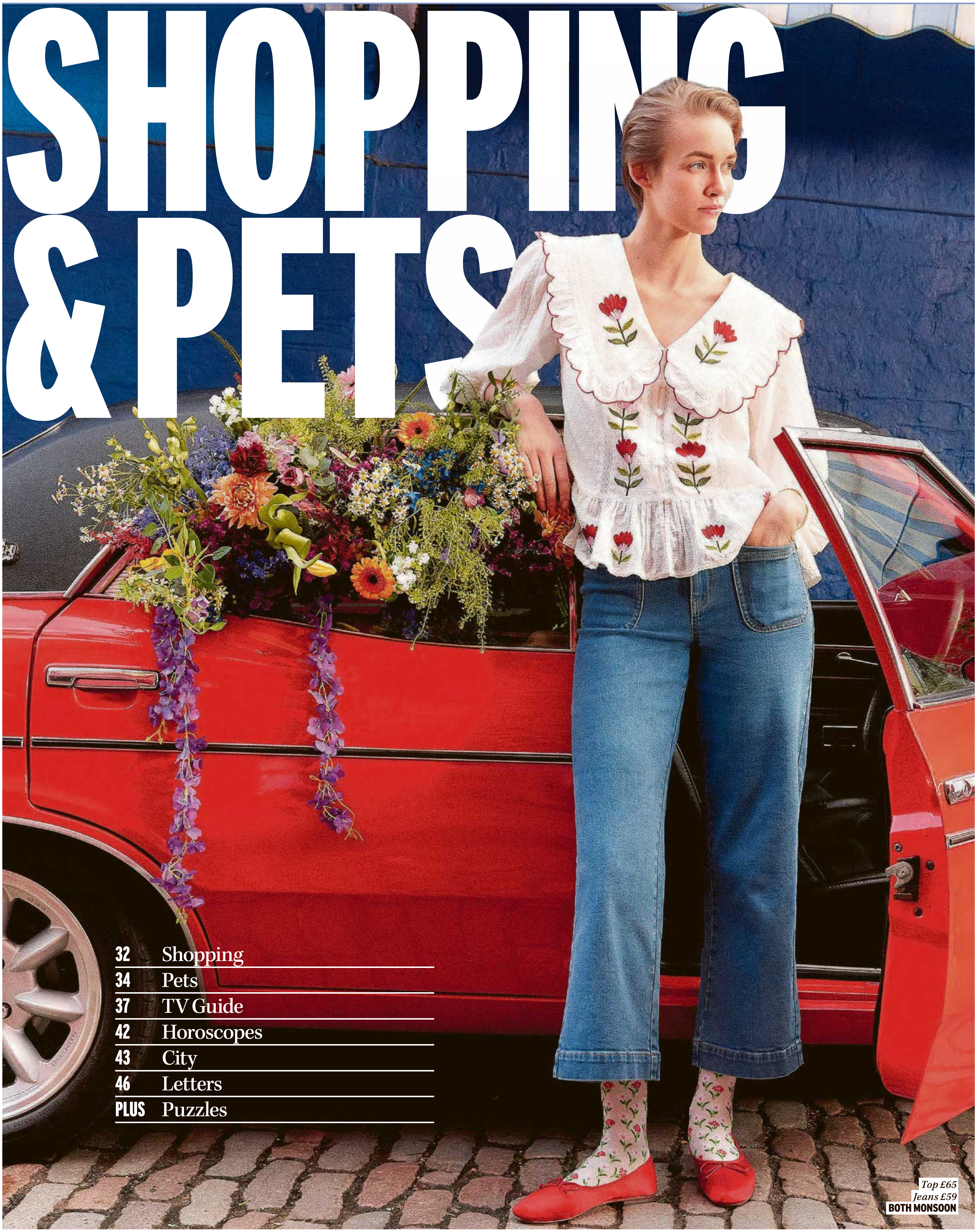

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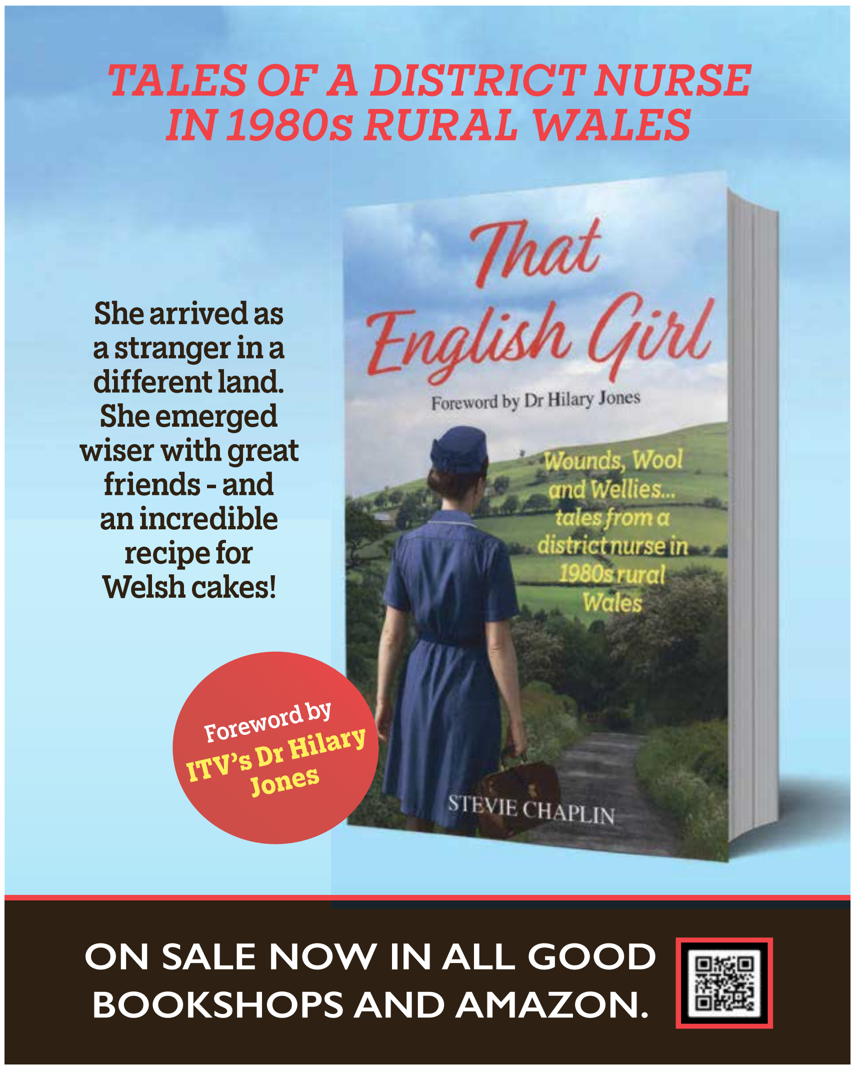
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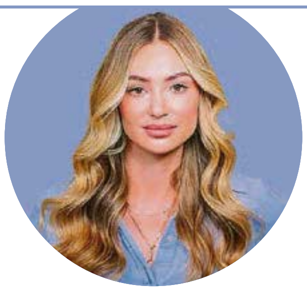

SHOPPING

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Edited by **ZOE CRIPPS**

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TREND REPORT

Florals for spring are always a trend, whether it's for fashion, beauty or interiors, but this season we're specifically seeing botanicals take off. And what could be more botanical than the Royal Botanic Gardens at Kew? Now you can bring a taste of the 500-acre oasis home thanks to new-season Kew brand collaborations.

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Next Home x Royal Botanic Gardens, from £20

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FRAGRANCES ARE HEAVEN SCENT

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PAMPERED PETS

Our vet **DAVID GRANT** *works his magic*

Hamster patch panic

Q My daughter's two-year-old male Syrian hamster has developed a black patch on his side, and a smaller one on the other side. Do hamsters suffer from skin tumours, for example malignant melanoma? I'm concerned that this is the case here.

A The black patches are unlikely to be tumours. It is quite common to be asked about these patches and many owners, like you, worry that they could be cancerous. They are often mistaken for melanomas.

Black patches are much more likely to be scent glands, which are often very prominent in male Syrian hamsters, and used to mark territory. The key things that distinguish them from tumours is that they exist on both flanks at the same site, and don't extend.

Having said that it is possible for a scent gland to become cancerous, although only rarely.

As with most animals, hamsters do suffer from a variety of tumours, including skin, which tend to occur in old age.

> *'He's in his senior years'*

Syrian hamsters will live for two to two-and-a-half years on average, so your daughter's hamster is certainly in his senior years. It could be that as he has aged, disease caused by demodex mites has thinned his hair, making scent glands more prominent. A veterinary checkup is recommended to reassure your daughter.

There are no large number reviews of hamster skin tumours and most information is based on individual case reports, or small studies.

Lymphatic tumours such as lymphoma are often mentioned. Of 17 tumours in a Polish study only two were melanomas, suggesting they are relatively rare.

Q Our male four-month-old kitten was vaccinated, including against feline leukaemia virus. Our vet advised this because the kitten will be allowed outside when he is a little older, which would increase his risk of being infected. Is leukaemia common in cats? What are the symptoms to look out for?

A There is a distinction between leukaemia, (cancer of white blood cells) associated with feline leukaemia virus (FeLV), and non-FeLV leukaemia.

Both are rare in cats but of the two, FeLV associated leukaemia is more common. If cats are infected with FeLV, about one third become resistant, a third show partial resistance and may not show signs unless the immune system is later weakened, and the remainder develop various clinical signs.

In general, these latter cats do not do well, with a high mortality rate of 80-90% over a period of three to four years.

Although as mentioned, leukaemia may rarely develop due to FeLV infection, there are other much more common problems. These include anaemia, a depressed immune system leading to a variety of secondary infections, and cancer, especially lymphoma. Disease may develop in many parts of the body, which means that signs can be variable, and non-specific for many illnesses.

Loss of appetite, lethargy, weight loss, constant skin, eye, intestinal, nervous system and respiratory signs are all possible.

FeLV positive cats infect cats through saliva from grooming or bite wounds. Currently 1-2% of cats in the UK are FeLV positive, with the risk of contagion for cats that go outside. Vaccination is recommended for these.

David Grant has been a vet for more than 50 years. Email questions to him at pamperedpets@reachplc.com. He cannot enter into individual correspondence.

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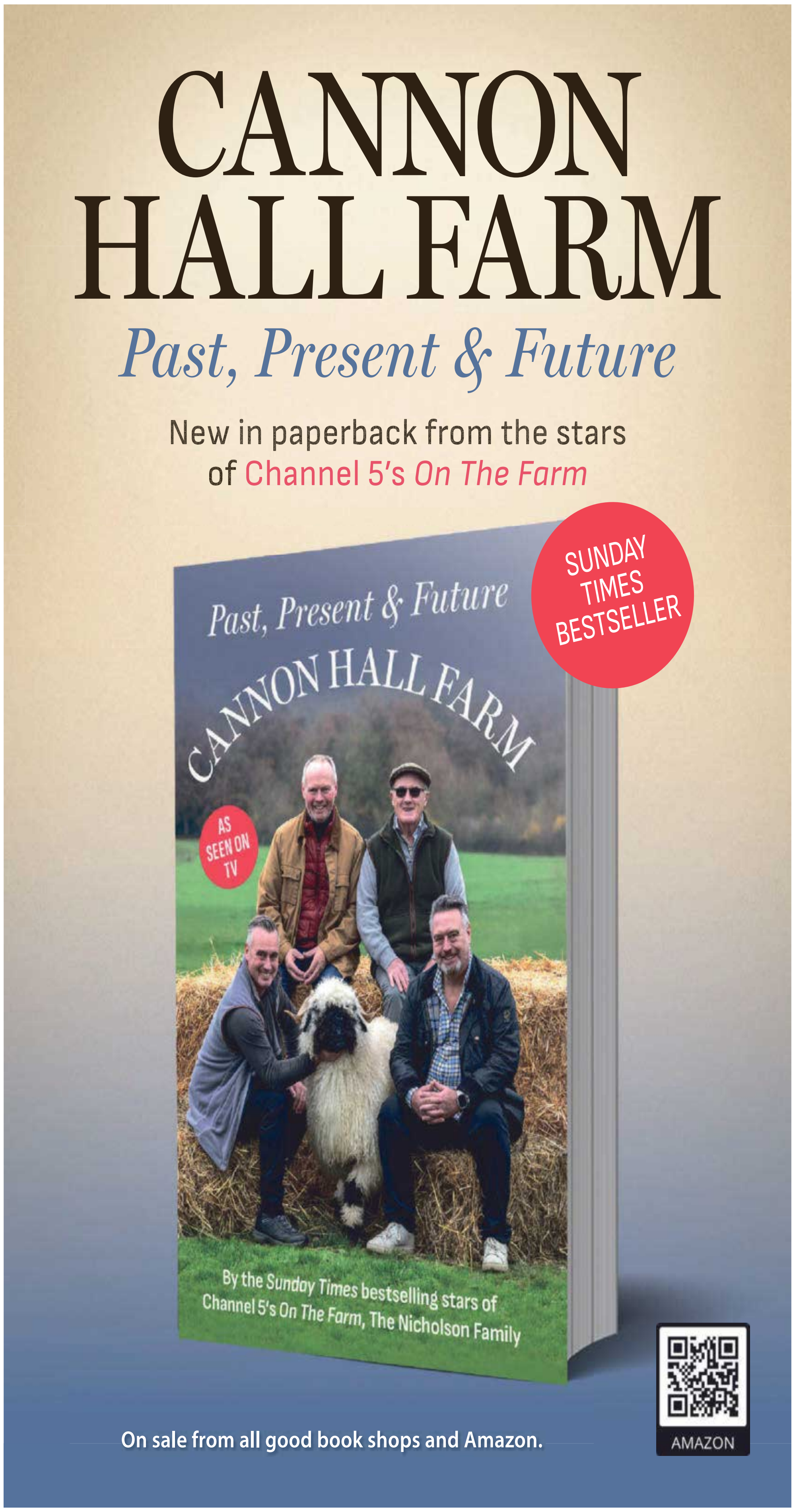

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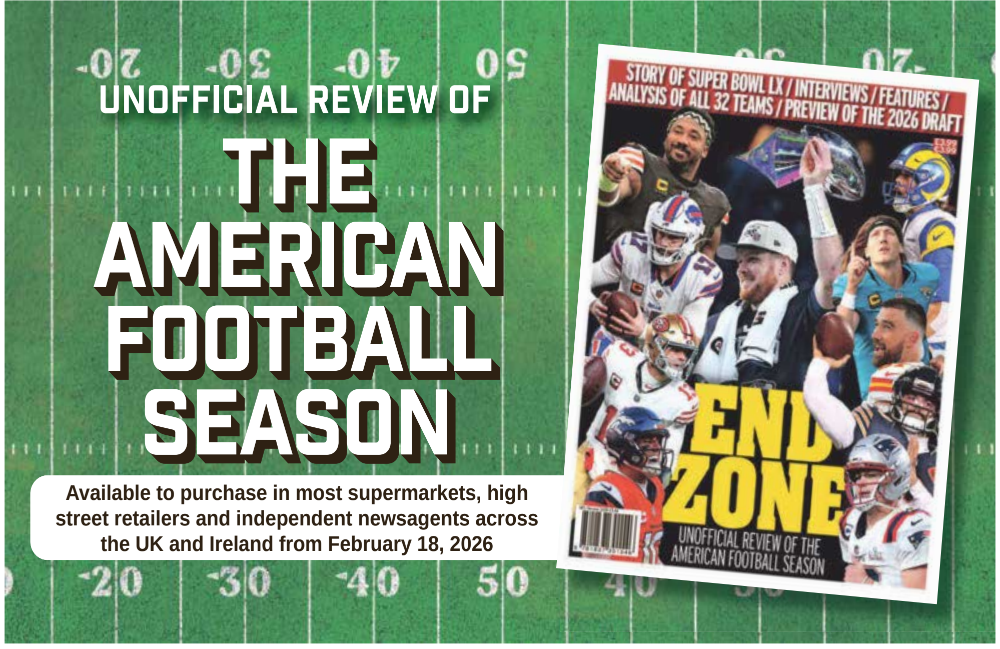

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TODAY'S TV ONES TO WATCH

by **MIKE WARD** *TV critic*

THE SUMMIT, ITV1, 9PM
HANDCUFFED: THE FINAL, C4 9PM

CAN you believe it? Two dramatic reality shows, each one coming to its pulsating conclusion at the very same time, on the very same night.

Thank goodness someone's invented the VHS video recorder. I must remember to slap a tape in. In Ben Shephard's mountain-climbing thing, we have four people still in contention for a share of the cash prize, while in the final leg of Can You Face Staying Shackled To A Ninny?, hosted by Jonathan Ross, there's a race from Scotland to London for the last pairs standing.

FILM: NOTTING HILL FILM4, 6.40PM

THAT'S screenwriter Richard Curtis's own front door, did you know that? Or at least it was at the time. The famous blue one, I mean, on the home of Hugh Grant's William, the bookseller who falls for Julia Roberts's superstar character Anna.

What, you want more Notting Hill trivia? OK, well popping up for a millisecond elsewhere you'll spot a little known Omid Djalili, plus that bloke who'll one day play Siegfried in All Creatures Great And Small.

Yes, this follow-up to Four Weddings And A Funeral is another of those films I've a head full of fascinating facts about.

Go on, ask me another.

Pick of the day
GREAT BRITISH MENU BBC2, 7PM

KILLER MENU
Tommy Banks and Andi Oliver with chef Dan Andree

COOKING UP A BLOCKBUSTER DISH

GUEST judge Tommy Banks has disappointing news for one of the new chefs joining the competition tonight. "You can't serve a human liver," he informs him. Mind you, I'm surprised this chap needs to be told. Why would he ever have thought he could do something so horrendous? This, after all, is the starter course, which on Great British Menu has to be vegan, for heaven's sake. Doesn't this guy know the rules?

Actually yes, it turns out he does. This dish he plans to serve up, despite being influenced by Hannibal Lecter, the cannibalistic serial killer character from The Silence Of The Lambs, will indeed be plant-based. That's the challenge he's set himself you see. Tommy's just interested to see how he'll achieve it.

The competition's theme this year, remember (because it always has to have one), is British cinema. So each dish must have some vague connection with that, as well as with the part of the UK the chef is representing – which this week is Wales.

So it makes perfect sense for one of them to be honouring legendary Welsh thespian Sir Anthony Hopkins, who played Lecter. Or at least it makes no less sense than honouring Swansea's Catherine Zeta Jones with a sea bass, which is what one of the other chefs does, or paying tribute to Welshman T.E. Lawrence with salt-baked celeriac.

I mean, it's completely nuts this show, isn't it? And those links are getting more tenuous. If I were one of these Welsh guys, challenged to deliver a dish with a link both to Wales and to the cinema, do you know who I'd serve one in honour of? Courteney Cox, that's who. As in Monica from Friends. She's been in films as well, right? And she's definitely Welsh.

Well, OK, Welsh-ish, thanks to some long-dead ancestor she learnt about on Who Do You Think You Are? But that'll do.

And what exactly would this dish consist of? Well, the judges on this show love a gimmicky presentation, so what I'd do is nip to McDonald's and grab one of those Friends-themed Happy Meals they're doing at the moment – probably the Big Mac one – along with a mini plastic Monica.

I reckon they'd be secretly delighted.

BEST DIY
SORT YOUR LIFE OUT WITH STACEY SOLOMON BBC1, 8PM

The host and her team help single mother Almarie and her 10-year-old daughter Marie overhaul their three-bedroom semi. Hankies at the ready for the final reveal.

BEST DRAMA
ELLIS 5, 9PM

DCI Ellis smells a rat after a student is found crushed beneath fallen scaffolding at a local artisan stone business and it's labelled an accident. Concludes tomorrow.

BEST DOC
PORTRAIT OF A CONFUSED FATHER BBC4, 10PM

Norwegian film-maker Gunnar Hall Jensen shot this exploration of his relationship with his son, Jonathan, over 20 years, before the young man's life takes a tragic turn.

BEST MUSIC
KATE BUSH: THE TIMELESS GENIUS SKYARTS, 9.30PM

Exploring the artist's "sorceress of sound" persona, her theatrical style and how she has managed to transcend eras and remain relevant to new artists and Gen Z.

TODAY'S PREVIEWS ARE ON THE PREVIOUS PAGE

FILM RATINGS

★★★★★ BRILLIANT
★★★★ VERY GOOD
★★★ GOOD
★★ AVERAGE
★ BAD

(R) REPEAT

ALL PROGRAMMES ARE LISTED IN GREENWICH MEAN TIME (GMT).

BBC One

6.00am Breakfast News headlines.
9.30 Morning Live Magazine.
10.45 Crimewatch Live How a far right extremist was jailed.
11.30 Homes Under the Hammer Featuring three properties in Coventry, Kent and Suffolk. (R)
12.15pm Bargain Hunt An antiques search in Cheltenham. (R)
1.00 BBC News at One; Weather
2.00 Bear Grylls: Wild Reckoning The adventurer tries to help couple Lisha and Jenna, who are constantly fighting.
2.30 Amanda & Alan's Spanish Job Amanda Holden and Alan Carr take on the courtyard. (R)
3.00 Escape to the Country Briony May Williams helps a couple in the Peak District.
3.45 The Repair Shop on the Road Kirsten Ramsay tries to piece a shattered wedding bowl back together.
4.30 The Finish Line Steph, Joe, Paschal, Libby and Dalv race in moving podiums.
5.15 Pointless Quiz show. (R)
6.00 BBC News at Six; Weather
6.30 Regional News; Weather

BBC Two

6.00am Bear Grylls: Wild Reckoning (R)
6.30 The Repair Shop on the Road A pianola. (R)
7.15 Bargain Hunt (R)
8.00 Sign Zone: The Repair Shop Items include a teddy bear. (R)
9.00 BBC News Headlines.
12.15pm Politics Live
1.00 Impossible Gameshow. (R)
1.45 The Tournament (R)
2.30 Chess Masters: The Endgame Sue Perkins hosts this high-stakes contest. (R)
3.00 Clive Myrie's Italian Road Trip Starting in Puglia. (R)
3.30 Serengeti A lioness is forced into exile after having cubs with an outsider. (R)
4.30 Vintage Antiques Roadshow Rare finds. (R)
5.10 Flog It! From Barrow Hill Railway Heritage Centre. (R)
6.00 Richard Osman's House of Games With Steve Backshall, Steve Pemberton, Sam Quek and Rachel Riley taking part.
6.30 Do You Know Your Place? The contestants demonstrate their knowledge of Enniskillen.

ITV1

6.00am Good Morning Britain A lively mix of news, current affairs and lifestyle features.
10.00 This Morning Topical daily magazine, featuring a mix of celebrity chat, showbusiness news, advice and discussion. Including Local Weather.
12.30pm ITV News; Weather
12.55 Regional News; Weather
1.00 Celebrity Catchphrase With Jane Danson, Eddie Kadi and Tom Rosenthal. (R)
2.00 Lingo Word game. (R)
3.00 Riddiculous Sam and Sue, Susan and Teresa, and Yousif and Ollie compete.
3.59 Regional Weather
4.00 Tipping Point Quiz, hosted by Ben Shephard. (R)
5.00 The Chase Bradley Walsh presents as Janine, Daniel, Juliette and Amar answer general knowledge questions and work as a team to take on one of the ruthless Chasers and secure a cash prize.
6.00 Regional News; Weather
6.30 ITV Evening News A round-up of the headlines; Weather

Channel 4

6.25am Cheers Triple bill. (R)
7.45 Everybody Loves Raymond Triple bill of the comedy. (R)
9.10 Frasier Four episodes. (R)
11.10 Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA (R)
12.05pm Channel 4 News Summary Headlines.
12.10 Find It, Fix It, Flog It Simon O'Brien turns an old armchair into punk-rock furniture. (R)
1.10 Matt Baker: Our Farm in the Dales Matt plans to build a new road around the farm. (R)
2.10 Countdown Nicki Chapman is in Dictionary Corner.
3.00 A Place in the Sun (R)
4.00 A New Life in the Sun Seasonal deadlines loom. (R)
5.00 Four in a Bed Twins Sara and Paula invite their rivals to their boutique hotel in Devon.
5.30 Come Dine with Me Dave serves up a daring menu on night two in Bedfordshire and Cambridgeshire.
6.00 A Place in the Sun: What Happened Next? Revisiting a couple who found a holiday home on Lanzarote.

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6.00am Milkshake! Children's TV.
9.15 Jeremy Vine Discussion.
11.30 Storm & Alexis Discussion.
12.45pm 5 News at Lunchtime
12.50 Matt Allwright Debate.
2.00 Vanessa Discussion show.
3.00 The Good Ship Murder When two widows on a grief cruise depart the ship in Cape Verde to visit a shrine, one of them is found murdered. (R)
4.00 Bargain-Loving Brits in the Sun It's a big day for retired expat Jack who's organised a Second World War-themed singalong, hoping to raise money for the Poppy Appeal.
5.00 5 News at 5 Headlines.
6.00 Love Nature An allotment in Coventry is transforming young lives in a project bringing together people who were once isolated.
6.05 Susan Calman's Grand Day Out Susan explores Bridlington in East Yorkshire, enjoying all the fun of the fair, joining a women's cricket team and taking the stage at the local theatre. (R); 5 News

7.30pm, EASTENDERS: Lauren

7pm, GREAT BRITISH MENU: Tommy Banks (right)

9pm, THE SUMMIT: Ben Shephard

8pm, THE DOG HOUSE: Katie and Dory

8pm, THE YORKSHIRE VET: Peter Wright

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12 MIDNIGHT

7.00 The One Show With Alex Jones and Lauren Laverne.
7.30 EastEnders Lauren gets her stride back, and Denise and Kim receive an unexpected visitor. Vinny attempts to tell Suki about Penny's pregnancy, but Suki shuts him own.
8.00 Sort Your Life Out with Stacey Solomon Stacey and her team land in south London to meet single mum Almarie and her 10-year-old daughter Marie, who need help decluttering their three-bedroom semi.
9.00 MasterChef: The Professionals As the semi-finals continue, Michelin-starred chef John Chantarasak asks them to serve up a Thai-style dish, before the judges challenge them to come up with a spectacular dessert.
10.00 BBC News at Ten
10.30 Regional News; Weather
10.40 Boarders Double bill. The return of the comedy drama. As the boarders gear up for their final term, a shocking act of vandalism throws everything into chaos. With the school on lockdown, Toby has to find a way to break out and see Abby. Leah is under suspicion for the school destruction, and Femi is distracted by a mystery girl, while Jaheim wrestles with a dilemma that will change everything; the students are teamed up with career mentors, but things quickly go wrong. Leah is fuming with Felix about the sabotage, and Femi's dreams are crushed. Violence erupts on the hockey pitch. (R)
12.15am Weather for the Week Ahead **12.20-6.00am** BBC News

7.00 Great British Menu Four chefs from Wales serve up their canapes, starters and fish dishes inspired by the British film industry. The dishes are judged by Michelin-starred chef Tommy Banks. Presented by Andi Oliver.
8.00 Digging for Britain Archaeologists in Somerset are stunned by the discovery of an entirely new Roman town in the intended pathway of some new electricity cables. Elsewhere, Alice Roberts revisits Whitesands Bay. (R)
9.00 Europe on the Edge with Katya Adler Katya continues her journey through Spain, where she trains with a team of firefighters. She then travels to France, witnessing a rocket launch in French Guiana. Last in series.
10.00 QI Tom Allen, Melanie Bracewell and Desiree Burch join regular Alan Davies on the comedy quiz, with host Sandi Toksvig asking questions on the theme of vets. (R)
10.30 Newsnight Headline analysis with Faisal Islam; Weather
11.00 Forensics: The Real CSI In the early hours a teenage girl calls 999 to say that her friend has been attacked and stabbed in a car park. Police rush to the scene, where they find a 16-year-old with a life-threatening wound. (R)
12.00m't Dunblane: How Britain Banned Handguns (R) **1.00** Sign Zone: The Apprentice (R) **2.00** Sign Zone: The Apprentice: Unfinished Business (R) **2.30** Sign Zone: We Might Regret This (R) **3.00** Sign Zone: AI Confidential with Hannah Fry (R) **4.00-6.00am** This Is BBC Two

7.15 The Martin Lewis Money Show: Live The cash expert breaks down the week's biggest financial headlines and answers viewers' questions live. Plus, News You Can Use is packed with the not-to-be-missed deals of the week.
8.00 Emmerdale Paddy and Dylan make a big confession, while the Dingles are suspicious of Joe. Pollard plays detective.
8.30 Coronation Street Leanne persuades Sam to share his troubles, while Kit is forced to question his own victim.
9.00 The Summit The final four make the last terrifying ascent, with obstacles in the way including a dangerous crevasse crossing that sees one of them frozen in fear. Who will claim their share of the cash prize? Last in series.
10.00 ITV News at Ten; Weather
10.30 Regional News; Weather
10.45 Who Wants to Be a Millionaire? Another line-up of contestants answer questions that could change their lives – with four lifelines available if they get stuck. (R)
11.45 Sorry, I Didn't Know Jimmy Akingbola hosts the panel show as Gina Yashere, Munya Chawawa, Peter Rethinasamy and Fiona Allen join captains Chizzy Akudolu and Eddie Kadi to take viewers on a tour of black British history. (R)
12.05am Shop on TV **3.00** Faked: Hunting My Online Predator. An edition of the Exposure strand about three women who were at the heart of a five-year hunt to unmask a predator behind deepfake online profiles. (R) **3.55** Unwind with ITV **5.05-6.00am** Jeremy Pang's Hong Kong Kitchen (R)

7.00 Channel 4 News The latest headlines, in-depth interviews, political developments and current affairs. Plus, the day's sports and weather reports.
7.55 The Political Slot Welsh Labour's plans to improve the transport network in Wales.
8.00 *NEW* **The Dog House** The Bodley family face double trouble as they meet twins Milo and Mable, and Floyd the lurcher arrives in need of some serious TLC. Willis, the three-legged Pomeranian, tries to befriend Dory the stray terrier.
9.00 Handcuffed: The Final Jonathan Ross presents the final of the reality challenge. With £100,000 at stake, the remaining couples take part in several challenges designed to test their new friendships to the limit. Last in series.
10.00 Gogglebox Double bill. The armchair critics share their opinions on shows including The Assembly, Genius Game, The Piano, Scam Interceptors, The Americas and Married at First Sight Australia. They also consider a BBC News report on noisy phones; the armchair critics share their opinions on The Capture, Married at First Sight Australia, Louis Theroux: Inside the Manosphere, The Floor, Britain's Best Mattress: How to Sleep Better and This Morning (AI boyfriend). (R)
12.10am The Great Sex Experiment (R) **1.05** Confessions of a Cam Girl (R) **2.00** Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA (R) **2.50** The Last Leg (R) **3.45** Jamie's One-Pan Wonders (R) **3.55** Stacey Solomon's Renovation Rescue (R) **4.50** Location, Location, Location (R) **5.45-6.25am** Countdown (R)

7.00 Celebrity Puzzling Jeremy Vine presides over a masterclass in puzzle solving, as the team captains Carol Vorderman and Sally Lindsay are joined by comedian Harriet Kemsley and actress Sunetra Sarker; 5 News Update
8.00 The Yorkshire Vet Peter Wright needs to keep his cool when dealing with the Greens' calf Frosty, while Matt Smith and Rohin Aojula investigate the tale of the tiger who came for more than just tea in their village of Holmfirth.
9.00 Ellis Part one of two. The village of Elmsly is shaken when university student Abi Marshall is found crushed beneath fallen scaffolding at a local construction firm. Crime drama, starring Sharon D Clarke and Mark Addy.
10.00 Fare Dodgers: At War with the Law The hunt is on in Surrey for a suspect thought to have evaded close to £20,000 of fares. Revenue Protection officers Michelle and Lucky expose short farers at Vauxhall. (R)
11.05 Call the Bailiffs: Time to Pay Up Enforcement agents team up with a locksmith, two security professionals and the police to remove a former footballer's one-time agent from a house the man didn't know he owned. (R)
12.05am Rogue Claimers (R) **1.00** Teleshopping (R) **2.30** Inside John Lewis: Profits & Problems (R) **3.20** Inside Harvey Nichols: Britain's Poshest Department Store (R) **4.10** Friends (R) **4.35** The Highland Vet (R) **5.20** Entertainment News **5.25-5.45am** Adventures of Paddington (R)

ITV2
FREEVIEW 6

6.00am CITV **7.30** Dress to Impress **8.25** Billie and Greg: The Family Diaries **9.25** The Only Way Is Essex **10.20** The Real Housewives of Miami **11.15** The Real Housewives of Beverly Hills **12.10pm** Ant & Dec's Limitless Win **1.10** Wheel of Fortune **2.10** The Only Way Is Essex **3.10** The Real Housewives of Cheshire **4.10** The Real Housewives of Miami **5.00** The Real Housewives of Beverly Hills

6.00 Celebrity Catchphrase

7.00 Wheel of Fortune Graham Norton hosts the gameshow as Chris, Laura and Samantha compete to get the chance to spin the wheel and win big money prizes.

8.00 Ant & Dec's Limitless Win Couple Arj and Charlotte continue their game.

9.00 Family Guy Five episodes.

11.30 American Dad! Hayley worries that she might be slowly turning into Francine.

12.05am American Dad! **12.35** Bob's Burgers **1.30** Piglets **2.00** Plebs **2.30** Unwind **3.00-6.00am** Teleshopping

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FREEVIEW 28

9.00am Deal or No Deal **10.00** Tipping Point **1.00pm** Lingo **2.00** Tenable **3.00** Who Wants to Be a Millionaire? **4.00** Riddiculous **5.00** Deal or No Deal

6.00 Lingo Triple bill. Crossing words to beat the reigning champions this time are sisters Lauren and Ellie from Solihull and friends Gill and Sue. Adil Ray hosts; taking on the champions are mother and daughter Amanda and Emily, and brothers Martyn and Stuart; crossing words with the reigning champions this time are mother and daughter Sue and Dani, and cousins Millie and Jess.

9.00 Celebrity Wheel of Fortune A special edition of the gameshow featuring famous faces, with Tom Allen, Michelle Visage and Eddie Kadi.

10.00 Tipping Point Triple bill. Ben Shephard hosts the quiz in which four players take on an extraordinary machine.

12.50am Tenable **1.45** Unwind with ITV **2.00-9.00am** Teleshopping

BBC3
FREEVIEW 23

7.00pm The Catch Up Headlines.

7.05 Deadly 60 Steve Backshall searches for giant river otters.

7.30 The Weakest Link Romesh Ranganathan hosts a sports edition, with Emily Campbell, Mike Bushell, Christine Ohuruogu, Ugo Monye, Sam Quek, Billy Monger, Natasha Baker and Dennis Taylor taking part.

8.15 Alan Carr's Picture Slam Gameshow, with contestants from Brighton, Belfast and Hampshire.

9.00 RuPaul's Drag Race UK vs the World Michelle Visage, Graham Norton and Alan Carr join RuPaul for the grand final. Last in series.

10.10 FILM **Pride** (2014, 15) Fact-based comedy drama. ★★★★

12.05am Long Story Short: True Love and Wormholes **12.20** Boarders **1.55** RuPaul's Drag Race UK vs the World **3.05-3.50am** Thailand: The Dark Side of Paradise

BBC4
FREEVIEW 9

7.00pm Villages by the Sea

7.30 Wainwright Walks: Coast to Coast Across northern England.

8.00 Keeping Up Appearances Daisy tries to encourage Onslow to behave more ardently toward her.

8.30 Sorry! Timothy tackles a bully.

9.00 A History of Britain by Simon Schama The story of Henry II.

10.00 Portrait of a Confused Father – Storyville Filmed over more than 20 years, this deeply personal documentary charts a father-son relationship that takes an unexpected and tragic turn.

11.30 Birdsong An ornithologist tries to record all of Ireland's bird calls.

12.30am Tracey Emin: Where Do You Draw the Line? – Imagine **1.50** Emin/Munch: Between the Clock and the Bed **2.30** Villages by the Sea **3.00-3.30am** Wainwright Walks: Coast to Coast

GB News
FREEVIEW 236

6.00am Breakfast with Eamonn and Ellie **9.30** Britain's Newsroom **12.00noon** Good Afternoon Britain **3.00** Martin Daubney. Updates.

6.00 Dewbs & Co Plain-speaking, straight-talking – Michelle Dewberry delivers her take on the day's news.

7.00 Farage An action-packed hour of topical discussion and debate.

8.00 Jacob Rees-Mogg's State Of The Nation Join Jacob for his unique and unmissable take on the news.

9.00 Patrick Christys Tonight Replay Patrick hosts two hours of spirited debate and news making interviews, as top guests tackle the key issues, with a sharp take on every story.

11.00 Patrick Christys Tonight Late Edition Discussion and debate.

12.00m't The Late Show Live **3.00** Patrick Christys Tonight Replay **5.00-6.00am** Patrick Christys Tonight Late Edition. Debate.

U&Dave
FREEVIEW 19

7.10am Hairy Bikers' Best of British **8.00** Border Force: America's Gatekeepers **10.00** Railroad Australia **11.00** Rick Stein's Far Eastern Odyssey **12.00noon** Border Force: America's Gatekeepers **2.00** Guy Martin: Proper Jobs **3.00** Top Gear **5.00** Hairy Bikers' Best of British

6.00 Rick Stein's Far Eastern Odyssey

7.00 Would I Lie to You? Previously unseen material from the panel show.

7.40 Richard Osman's House of Games

9.00 Have I Got a Bit More News for You Clive Myrie hosts an extended edition of the current affairs quiz, as comedian Jon Richardson and journalist Marianna Spring join Paul Merton and Ian Hislop.

10.00 QI XL With guest panellists Julia Zemiro, Matt Lucas and David Mitchell.

11.00 Taskmaster With David Baddiel.

12.00m't Mock the Week **12.40** Would I Lie to You? **2.00** Hate Thy Neighbour **2.50** Jamali Maddix: Follow the Leader **4.00-6.00am** Teleshopping

U&Drama
FREEVIEW 20

6.00am Teleshopping **7.00** Birds of a Feather **7.40** The Bill **8.35** Doctors **9.50** Classic Holby City **10.50** Classic Casualty **11.55** The Bill **12.55pm** Classic EastEnders **2.10** All Creatures Great and Small **3.10** Howards' Way **4.20** Shakespeare & Hathaway: Private Investigators **5.20** Birds of a Feather

6.00 Last of the Summer Wine Triple bill.

8.00 Whitstable Pearl Double bill. A food critic drops dead in the Whitstable Pearl; Pearl is surprised to learn that Charlie is back from Canada and living in London.

10.00 New Tricks Brian's judgement is tested when his own dog, along with those of others, appears to be the victim of a serial killer from the past. Guest starring Richard Briers.

11.20 Shakespeare & Hathaway: Private Investigators There is a fire at a salon.

12.20am The Inspector Lynley Mysteries **2.25** Birds of a Feather **2.55** Copper **4.00-6.00am** Teleshopping

E4
FREEVIEW 13

6.00am Hollyoaks **6.55** Rude(ish) Tube Shorts **7.00** Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA **8.00** The Goldbergs **9.00** Modern Family **10.00** Married at First Sight Australia **11.30** First Dates **12.30pm** Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA **1.30** The Simpsons **2.30** Modern Family **3.30** Married at First Sight Australia **5.00** Celebrity Coach Trip

6.00 The Simpsons Double bill.

7.00 Hollyoaks Warren is determined.

7.30 Married at First Sight Australia The couples face the first dinner party.

9.05 Made in Chelsea Inga and Jazz's friendship does not go unnoticed.

10.10 First Dates An Irish fashionista's date becomes a linguistic battle of wits.

11.10 Naked Attraction Dating show.

12.15am Gogglebox **1.20** Married at First Sight Australia **2.45** Made in Chelsea **3.30** The Simpsons **4.00** The Goldbergs **4.45-6.00am** Don't Tell the Bride: Revisited. Anna and Sian reflect.

More4
FREEVIEW 18

8.55am Four in a Bed **9.30** Find It, Fix It, Flog It **10.25** A Place in the Sun **11.30** Come Dine with Me **2.10pm** Four in a Bed: five episodes **4.50** Car S.O.S

6.50 The Dog House Australia Mr Norman has the cuteness factor covered, but he needs to tick all the Peacocks' boxes. Plus, the already crowded Sorrell house needs to make room for Turbo Tess.

7.55 Grand Designs Kevin McCloud follows the progress of ex-advertising man Geoff, who is building a flood-resistant architectural marvel.

9.00 Saving Country Houses with Penelope Keith In Dorset, rain and storms threaten Mapperton House's annual plant fair. Nova Guest invites the first visitors to the newly-restored Gunpowder Plot room. Last in series.

10.00 24 Hours in A&E Double bill.

12.10am Saving Country Houses with Penelope Keith **1.10** 24 Hours in A&E **3.20-4.00am** Strangers on a Plane

Variations & S4C

WALES As BBC1 except: 1.35-1.45pm BBC Wales Today; Weather **6.30-7.00** BBC Wales Today; Weather **8.00-9.00** Your Voice Live Debate **10.30** BBC Wales Today; Weather **10.40** Walescast **11.15** Boarders **12.00m't** Boarders **12.45-6.00am** BBC News

WALES As BBC2 except: 1.45pm First Minister's Questions **2.45** The Tournament **3.30** Chess Masters: The Endgame **4.00-4.30** Clive Myrie's Italian Road Trip **8.00-9.00pm** Sort Your Life Out with Stacey Solomon

MERIDIAN As ITV1 except: 12.55-1.00pm ITV News Meridian; Weather **6.00-6.30** ITV News Meridian; Weather **10.30-10.45pm** ITV News Meridian. The latest headlines; Weather

CENTRAL As ITV1 except: 12.55-1.00pm ITV News Central; Weather **6.00-6.30** ITV News Central; Weather **10.30-10.45pm** ITV News Central. The latest headlines; Weather

ITV WALES As ITV1 except: 12.55-1.00pm ITV News Cymru Wales; Weather **6.00-6.30** ITV News Cymru Wales; Weather **10.30** ITV News Cymru Wales. A round-up of the latest headlines; Weather **10.45-11.45pm** Sharp End

WEST As ITV1 except: 12.55-1.00pm ITV News West Country; Weather **6.00-6.30** ITV News West Country; Weather **10.30-10.45pm** ITV News West Country; Weather

ANGLIA As ITV1 except: 12.55-1.00pm ITV News Anglia. A round-up of the latest headlines; Weather **6.00-6.30** ITV News Anglia; Weather **10.30-10.45pm** ITV News Anglia; Weather

WESTCOUNTRY As ITV1 except: 12.55-1.00pm ITV News West Country; Weather **6.00-6.30** ITV News West Country; Weather **10.30-10.45pm** ITV News West Country. A round-up of the latest headlines; Weather

S4C 6.00am Cyw **12.00noon** Newyddion S4C a'r Tywydd **12.05pm** Cymry ar Gynfas **12.30** Heno **1.00** Cegin Bryn: Tir a Mor **1.30** Cefn Gwlad **2.00** Newyddion S4C a'r Tywydd **2.05** Prynhawn Da **3.00** Newyddion S4C a'r Tywydd **3.05** Busnes Bwyd **4.00** Awr Fawr **5.00** Stwnsh **6.00** Arfordir Cymru: Llyn **6.30** Sgorio **6.57** Newyddion S4C **7.00** Heno **7.30** Newyddion S4C a'r Tywydd **8.00** Pobol y Cwm **8.25** Rownd a Rownd **8.55** Newyddion S4C a'r Tywydd **9.00** Maxine Hughes: Canser ar da Gost? **10.00** Y Byd ar Bedwar **11.00-11.35pm** Y Fets

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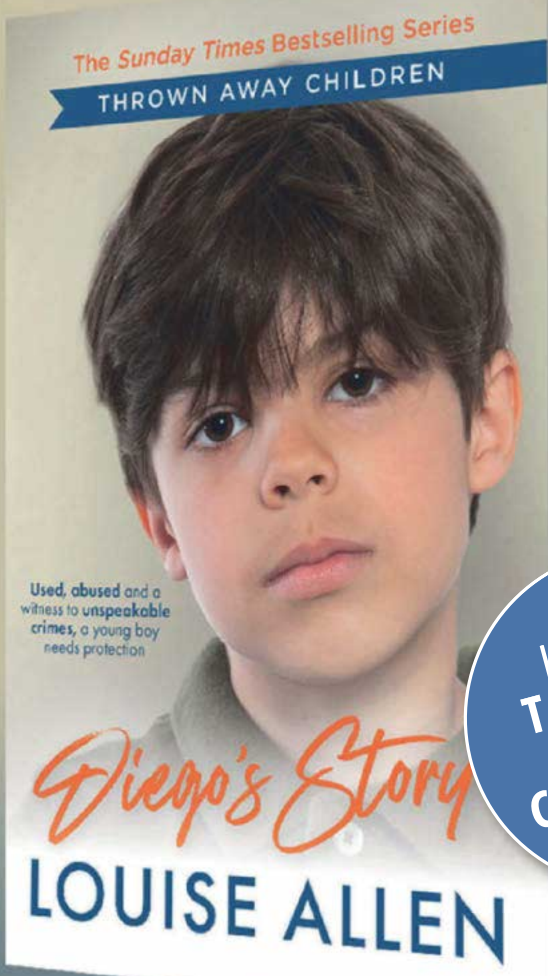
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Sport

SKY SPORTS MAIN EVENT

6.00am Sky Sports News **7.00** Sky Sports Breakfast **10.00** Sky Sports FC
12.00noon Lunchtime Live **2.00** Sports Desk
3.00 LIVE **Tennis** The Miami Open.
7.30 LIVE **EFL** Barnsley v Wigan Athletic.
10.30 LIVE **TGL** Boston Common Golf Club v Jupiter Links Golf Club. The opening semi-final.
12.30am Sky Sports News
1.00 LIVE **TGL** Los Angeles Golf Club v Atlanta Drive Golf Club. The second semi-final.
3.00-6.00am Sky Sports News

SKY SPORTS CRICKET

6.00am IPL **8.00** ICC Men's T20 World Cup **9.00** IPL **11.00** Test Cricket. England v India. **4.00pm** IPL **6.00** Test Cricket **11.00** IPL **1.00-6.00am** Test Cricket

SKY SPORTS FOOTBALL

6.00am Retro League One **8.45** EFL Greatest Games **10.00** EFL Cup Highlights **11.00** Best Scottish Premiership Goals 2022/23 **11.30** Best Scottish Premiership Goals 2023/24
12.00noon SPFL Highlights **12.15** SPFL Round-Up **12.30** Bundesliga Highlights Show **1.30** EFL League One Goals **2.00** EFL League Two Goals **2.30** Women's League Cup **3.00** SPFL Round-Up **3.15** SPFL Highlights **3.30** EFL Highlights **4.00** Irish Football **4.30** Bundesliga Highlights Show. Action from the German top flight. **5.30** EFL Highlights
6.00 EFL League One Goals **6.30** EFL League Two Goals **7.00** Irish Football
7.30 LIVE **EFL** Barnsley v Wigan Athletic.
10.30 EFL Highlights **10.45** SPFL Round-Up **11.00** Irish Football **11.30** EFL Greatest Games
12.00m't Championship Retro. Aston Villa v Derby from 2018/19. **2.00** EFL Greatest Games **4.00** EFL Cup **5.00** Best Goals of the Carabao Cup 2020/21 **5.30-6.00am** EFL Trophy Football

SKY SPORTS GOLF

6.00am School of Golf **7.00** Golf Academy **8.00** Ladies European Tour Golf **9.00** The Improvers **9.30** The Golf Fitness Show **10.00** Playing Lessons **11.00** DP World Tour Golf **11.30** PGA Tour Golf. The Arnold Palmer Invitational.
12.30pm Best of the Open Zone 2016 **1.30** Best of the Open Zone 2017 **2.30** Best of the Open Zone 2018 **3.30** PGA Tour Golf **4.30** Best of the Sky Zone **5.00** Best of the Sky Zone – US Open **5.30** Best of Golf
6.00 Ladies European Tour Golf **7.00** DP World Tour Golf **7.30** PGA Tour Golf **8.30** PGA Tour Golf **9.30** The Players Championship
10.30 LIVE **TGL** Boston Common Golf Club v Jupiter Links Golf Club. The opening semi-final.
12.30am Beyond the Scorecard
1.00 LIVE **TGL** Los Angeles Golf Club v Atlanta Drive Golf Club. The second semi-final.
3.00 The Players Championship **4.00** PGA Tour Golf **5.00-6.00am** School of Golf

TNT SPORTS 1

6.00am LIVE **Snooker World Open** Further coverage from the first round on the second day.
9.00 Premier League Review **10.00** Premier League – The Big Interview **10.30** UEFA Champions League Magazine **11.00** UEFA Europa League Goals Reload **11.15** UEFA Conference League Goals Reload
11.30 LIVE **Snooker World Open** Further coverage from the first round on the second day.
2.30pm UEFA Europa League & Conference League Magazine **3.30** The Breakdown **3.45** Premier League **5.15** Premier League Review
6.15 UEFA Champions League Magazine **6.45** UEFA Champions League Goals Reload
7.00 LIVE **UEFA Champions League** Coverage from a round-of-16 second-leg tie.
10.45 Premier League Reload **11.00** Beacon of Hope – The Grenfell Athletic Story
12.00m't LIVE **World Baseball Classic** Coverage from the final.
3.30 UEFA Conference League Goals Reload **3.45** Playing for Our Future – Football **4.00-6.00am** Snooker World Open

TNT SPORTS 2

6.00am LIVE **International T20 Cricket** New Zealand v South Africa.
10.15 Cricket Reload **10.30** The Gruppetto **10.45** Marathons **11.45** PREM Rugby Cup **12.45pm** Premier League Legends **1.15** Premier League Review **2.15** Sign Up – Into Football
3.00 LIVE **Women's Curling World Championship** Sweden v Scotland.
6.00 PL Netbusters **6.30** Premier League Stories
7.00 LIVE **UEFA Champions League** Coverage from a round-of-16 second-leg tie.
10.30 The Breakdown **11.00** International T20 Cricket Highlights **12.00m't** Snooker World Open **2.00** UFC Fight Flashback **4.00** UEFA Europa League & Conference League Magazine **5.00** A-League Women Highlights
5.30-7.30am LIVE **A-League Women** Melbourne City Women v Adelaide United Women.

BEST OF THE REST – LIVE SPORT

3.00pm LIVE **Tennis** Miami Open. (Sky Sports +)
7.35 LIVE **EFL** Watford v Wrexham. (Sky Sports +)
11.00 LIVE **NBA Basketball** Milwaukee Bucks v Cleveland Cavaliers. (Sky Sports +)
2.30-4.30am LIVE **NBA Basketball** Denver Nuggets v Philadelphia 76ers. (Sky Sports +)

Entertainment & Factual

ITV3 Freeview 10

6.00am Never the Twain **6.35** On the Buses **7.05** Classic Emmerdale **8.05** Classic Coronation Street **9.10** A Touch of Frost **11.15** Heartbeat **1.25pm** Midsomer Murders **3.25** Classic Emmerdale **4.40** Classic Coronation Street **5.50** Heartbeat **8.00** Vera **10.00** Endeavour **11.50** A Touch of Frost **1.50am** On the Buses **2.15-2.30am** Unwind

ITV4 Freeview 26

6.00am The Big Match Revisited **8.10** Magnum, PI **9.10** Kojak **10.15** Boon **11.25** The Sweeney **12.35pm** Dempsey and Makepeace **1.35** Magnum, PI **2.40** Kojak **3.45** Boon **4.50** Sharpe **7.00** More Than Machine **8.00** World Rally Championship Highlights **9.00** The 1% Club **10.00** All Elite Wrestling: Collision **12.00m't** Dark Side of the Ring **1.00** Auf Wiedersehen, Pet **2.00** Minder **2.50** Unwind with ITV **3.00** Teleshopping **3.30-4.00am** Auto Mundial

5STAR Freeview 32

8.00am Bargain-Loving Brits in the Sun **10.00** Shoplifters: Caught Red Handed **11.00** Traffic Cops: Under Attack **12.00noon** Traffic Cops **2.00** Police Interceptors **5.00** Car Pound Cops: Give Me My Car Back! **6.00** Home and Away **7.00** GPs: Behind Closed Doors **8.00** Casualty 24/7: Every Second Counts **9.00** Street Cops: Catching the Yobs **10.00** 999: Critical Condition **11.00** Skin A&E **12.00m't** Murder Scene: The Incident Room **1.00** GPs: Behind Closed Doors **2.00** Casualty 24/7: Every Second Counts **2.45-3.35am** Skin A&E

REALLY Freeview 44

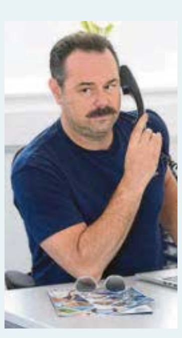
7.00am Cruise TV with LoveitBookit **8.00** Escape to the Country **9.00** Salvage Hunters **12.00noon** Antiques Road Trip **2.00** The Repair Shop **3.00** The Derbyshire Auction House **4.00** Long Lost Family **5.00** Long Lost Family: Born Without Trace **6.00** The Yorkshire Auction House **8.00** Antiques Road Trip **9.00** Who Do You Think You Are? **10.00** Long Lost Family: What Happened Next **11.00** Celebrity Help! My House Is Haunted **2.00-4.00am** Teleshopping

5ACTION Freeview 33

9.00am Entertainment News **9.10** Winter Road Rescue **9.45** Police Interceptors **11.50** FILM Chuka (1967/PG) Western, starring Rod Taylor and John Mills. ★★ **2.00pm** FILM The Far Country (1954/U) Western, with James Stewart and Walter Brennan. ★★★★ **4.00** Trucking Heavy **5.00** Traffic Cops **6.00** Police Interceptors **8.00** Motorway Cops: Catching Britain's Speeders **9.00** Petrol vs Electric Cars: Which Is Better? **10.00** Police: Suspect No 1 **11.00** The X-Files **12.00m't** Mud Mountain Haulers **1.00** Outback Truckers **2.00** Trucking Hell **3.50-4.00am** Entertainment News on 5

SKY ARTS Freeview 36

6.00am Nutcracker **7.45** Watercolour Challenge **8.45** Tales of the Unexpected **9.50** Alfred Hitchcock Presents **11.00** The Directors **12.00noon** Discovering: Christopher Plummer **1.00** Tales of the Unexpected **2.00** Classic FM's Rising Stars with Julian Lloyd Webber 2025 **3.00** Battle of the Irish Dancers **4.00** The Directors **5.00** Discovering: Jeff Bridges **6.00** Tales of the Unexpected **7.00** Alfred Hitchcock Presents **8.00** Lily and Lolly: The Forgotten Yeats Sisters **9.30** Kate Bush: The Timeless Genius **10.45** FILM Exodus (1960/PG) ★★★★ **2.35am** Voices of Ireland **3.50** Art's Most Horrific **4.50** Sky Arts Ambassador Bursary Shorts **5.00-6.00am** Auction



The Dyers' Caravan Park
Sky One, 9pm
It's the penultimate episode, but don't worry, Danny (left) and Dani are planning a second run. Here, they install a football pitch – maybe Dani can persuade her hubby, Jarrod Bowen, to play.

U&GOLD

7.10am Don't Wait Up **7.50** Porridge **8.30** The Green Green Grass **9.10** Are You Being Served? **9.50** Last of the Summer Wine **11.05** Dad's Army **11.45** Porridge **12.25pm** Keeping Up Appearances **1.00** The Green Green Grass **1.40** Dad's Army **2.20** Hi-de-Hi! **3.00** Are You Being Served? **3.40** Porridge **4.20** Dad's Army **5.00** Last of the Summer Wine **6.20** Keeping Up Appearances **7.00** Porridge **7.40** Dad's Army **8.20** Are You Being Served? **9.00** This Time with Alan Partridge **9.40** I'm Alan Partridge **10.20** Men Behaving Badly **11.00** Harry Enfield's Television Programme **11.35** This Time with Alan Partridge **12.15am** I'm Alan Partridge **12.55** Men Behaving Badly **1.35** Hi-de-Hi! **2.25** Harry Enfield's Television Programme **2.55** Don't Wait Up **3.25-4.00am** The Green Green Grass

U&YESTERDAY Freeview 27

6.10am Villages by the Sea **8.00** Bangers & Cash **10.00** War Factories **11.00** Rise of the Nazis: The Downfall **12.00noon** Antiques Roadshow **2.00** Bangers & Cash **4.00** War Factories **5.00** Rise of the Nazis: The Downfall **6.00** Antiques Roadshow **7.00** Simon Reeve's South America **8.00** Bangers & Cash: Restoring Classics **9.00** Bangers & Cash **2.00-3.00am** A Very British Murder with Lucy Worsley

U&ALIBI

7.10am Murdoch Mysteries **9.00** Father Brown **10.00** The Mentalist **11.00** Hudson & Rex **12.00noon** My Life Is Murder **1.00** Death in Paradise **2.00** Murdoch Mysteries **4.00** The Mentalist **5.00** Hudson & Rex **6.00** My Life Is Murder **7.00** Father Brown **8.00** Death in Paradise **9.00** Father Brown. A dancing contest turns deadly. **10.00** Death in Paradise **11.00** Father Brown **12.00m't** Death in Paradise **1.00** My Life Is Murder **2.00-4.00am** Murdoch Mysteries

SKY ONE

6.00am Mornings **7.00** Mornings with Ridge and Frost **8.00** Stargate SG-1 **9.00** NCIS: Los Angeles **10.00** Will & Grace **11.00** The Simpsons **12.00noon** David Attenborough's Wild City **1.00** Hawaii Five-0 **2.00** NCIS: Los Angeles **3.00** S.W.A.T **4.00** Police 24/7 **5.00** The Simpsons **6.00** The Office (US) **7.00** The Simpsons **8.00** Rob & Romesh vs the Jungle **9.00** The Dyers' Caravan Park **10.00** Ted **11.30** Grimm **12.30am** Police 24/7 **1.30** The Force: Manchester **2.30** Road Wars **3.00** Hawaii Five-0 **4.00** S.W.A.T **5.00-6.00am** Highway Patrol

SKY ATLANTIC

6.00am Richard E Grant's Hotel Secrets **7.55** The Sopranos **10.00** Mare of Easttown **5.45pm** Game of Thrones **9.00** I Hate Suzie. Double bill. Cob decides it is his turn to let loose; Suzie decides to audition for a new musical. **10.25** Euphoria: three episodes **1.50am** The Undoing **2.50** The Wire **3.55** True Blood **5.00-6.00am** Fish Town

SKY WITNESS

6.00am Bondi Rescue **7.00** Nothing to Declare **9.00** Border Security USA **10.00** Brit Cops: Frontline Crime UK **11.00** Caught on Dashcam **12.00noon** FBI **1.00** The Rookie **3.00** Law & Order: Criminal Intent **4.00** Nothing to Declare **7.00** Police 24/7 **8.00** Caught on Dashcam **9.00** The Rookie **10.00** Law & Order: Special Victims Unit **11.00** The Rookie **12.00m't** FBI **1.00** Matlock **2.00** FBI: International **3.00** FBI **4.00** The Force: Manchester **5.00-6.00am** Stop, Search, Seize

SKY COMEDY

8.00am Will & Grace **9.00** Ballers **10.15** Sex and the City **11.25** Entourage **12.30pm** Will & Grace **1.30** Sex and the City **2.45** Ballers **3.55** And Just Like That **4.45** The Office (US) **5.45** Will & Grace **6.45** Community **7.45** Sex and the City **9.00** Saturday Night Live **10.30** And Just Like That **11.20** Community **12.20am** Entourage **1.25** Ballers **2.35** Barry **3.45-5.00am** Veep

DISCOVERY

6.00am How It's Made: Dream Cars **7.00** Tanked **9.00** Hoffman Family Gold **11.00** Building Off the Grid **1.00pm** Gold Rush **3.00** How It's Made **5.00** Alaska: Homestead Rescue **7.00** Wheeler Dealers **9.00** Gold Rush. Rick is shaken by his find. **10.00** Gold Rush: Mine Rescue with Freddy & Juan **11.00** Expedition Bigfoot **12.00m't** Deadliest Catch **1.00** Gold Rush **2.00** Gold Rush: Mine Rescue with Freddy & Juan **3.00** Gold Divers **4.00-5.00am** Moonshiners

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC

8.00am Dutch Caribbean Coastguards **9.00** Air Crash Investigation **10.00** Rise and Fall of the Mayas **11.00** Strangest Things **12.00noon** Destruction Decoded **1.00** Car S.O.S **2.00** Air Crash Investigation **3.00** Seconds from Disaster **4.00** Car S.O.S **6.00** Inside Melbourne Airport **7.00** Air Crash Investigation **8.00** Planes that Changed History **9.00** Nazi Megastructures **10.00** Hitler's Last Stand **11.00** Air Crash Investigation **12.00m't** Inside Airport Lost & Found **1.00** To Catch a Smuggler **2.00** Made in a Day **2.30** Lords of War **3.20** Food Factory USA **4.10** When Sharks Attack and Why **5.00-5.30am** Teleshopping

Radio

BBC RADIO 1

97.6-99.8MHz 6.58am Newsbeat **7.00** Radio 1's Longest Ride with Greg James **10.30** Newsbeat **10.33** Rickie, Melvin and Charlie **12.45pm** Newsbeat **1.00** Sam & Danni **3.30** Newsbeat **3.33** Radio 1's Longest Ride with Greg James **5.45** Newsbeat **6.00** Radio 1's New Music Show with Jack Saunders **8.00** Radio 1's Future Artists with Sian Eleri **10.00** Radio 1's Power Down Playlist with Sian Eleri **11.00** Martha **1.00am** Radio 1's Drum & Bass Mix **1.30** Radio 1's Drum & Bass Mix **2.00** Radio 1 Anthems with Nat and Vicky **4.00** Radio 1 Pop Anthems **5.00-6.58am** Radio 1 Early Breakfast with Dean McCullough

BBC RADIO 2

88-91MHz 6.30am The Scott Mills Breakfast Show **9.30** Vernon Kay **12.00noon** Jeremy Vine **2.00** Trevor Nelson **4.00** Sara Cox **6.30** Sara Cox's Half Wower **7.00** Edith Bowman's Shiny Happy Playlist **7.30** Edith Bowman **9.00** The Jazz Show with Jamie Cullum **10.00** The Good Groove with DJ Spoony **12.00m't** OJ Borg **3.00** Sounds of the 90s with Fearne Cotton **4.00-6.30am** Owain Wyn Evans

BBC RADIO 3

90.2-92.4MHz 6.30am Breakfast **9.30** Essential Classics **1.00pm** Classical Live **4.00** Composer of the Week: Gaetano Donizetti **5.00** In Tune **7.00** Classical Mixtape **7.30** Radio 3 in Concert. The Royal Northern Sinfonia in concert. **9.45** The Essay: Scotland Rocks **10.00** Night Tracks **11.30** 'Round Midnight **12.30-6.30am** Through the Night

CHOICE
Under A Cloud
Radio 4, 4pm
Clouds hold a fascinating grip on poets – most of us know exactly what Wordsworth wandered lonely as, for example. Poet Laureate Simon Armitage visits Wordsworth's home to browse his notebooks and explores John Constable's approach to creating *The Hay Wain* at The National Gallery.

BBC RADIO 4

FM 92.4-94.6MHz 6.00am Today **9.00** The Life Scientific **9.30** Inside Health **10.00** Woman's Hour **11.00** Add to Playlist **11.45** Shock and War: Iraq 20 Years On **12.00noon** News **12.04** Call You and Yours **1.00** The World at One **1.45** The Race to Control the World **2.00** The Archers **2.15** Drama: The Counsellor **3.00** History's Heroes **3.30** Heart and Soul **4.00** Under a Cloud **4.30** What's Up Docs? **5.00** PM **6.00** News **6.30** Wing It **7.00** The Archers **7.15** Front Row **8.00** The Today Debate **8.40** In Touch **9.00** The Law Show **9.30** Evan Davis's Heat Pump Challenge **10.00** The World Tonight **10.45** Book at Bedtime: Banshee **11.00** Swimming with Jimmy **11.30** Today in Parliament **12.00m't** News **12.30** Shock and War: Iraq 20 Years On **12.48** Shipping Forecast **1.00** As BBC World Service **5.00** News **5.04** Yesterday in Parliament **5.34** Shipping Forecast **5.43** Prayer for the Day **5.45-6.00am** Farming

BBC RADIO 5 LIVE

693/909kHz 6.00am 5 Live Breakfast **9.00** Laura McGhie **11.00** Ayshah Tull **2.00pm** Matt Chorley **4.00** 5 Live Drive. The day's top news. **7.00** 5 Live Sport **8.00** 5 Live Sport **10.30** Tony Livesey **1.00am** Frances Finn **5.00-6.00am** Wake Up to Money

BBC RADIO WALES

FM: 94.6MHz 6.00am News **6.05** Wake Up **6.31** After the Cameras **7.00** Breakfast **9.00** Bronwen Lewis **11.59** The Phone In **2.00pm** Behnaz Akhgar **5.00** Drive **6.30** We Can't Go on Eating like This **7.00** Molly Palmer **10.00** Eleri Sion **12.00m't** Relax with Radio Wales **1.00-6.00am** As Radio 5 Live

CLASSIC FM

100-102MHz 6.30am Classic FM Breakfast with Dan Walker **9.00** The Classic FM Hall of Fame Hour with Dan Walker **10.00** Alexander Armstrong **1.00pm** Anne-Marie Minhall **4.00** Margherita Taylor **7.00** Relaxing Evenings with Zeb Soanes **10.00** Calm Classics with Hannah Scott-Joynt **1.00am** Bill Overton **4.00-6.30am** Early Breakfast

ABSOLUTE RADIO

DAB 6.00am Dave Berry **10.00** Leona Graham **1.00pm** Ben Burrell **4.00** Bush and Richie **7.00** Danielle Perry **10.00** Jay Lawrence **1.00-6.00am** Dan Noble

Movies

FILM4

11.00am Garden of Evil (1954/PG) Western, with Gary Cooper and Susan Hayward. ★★
1.05pm Fantastic Voyage (1966/U) Sci-fi adventure, starring Raquel Welch. ★★★★
3.10 Earth vs the Flying Saucers (1956/U) Sci-fi drama, starring Hugh Marlowe. ★★
4.55 All That Heaven Allows (1955/U) Romantic drama, with Rock Hudson, Jane Wyman and Agnes Moorehead. ★★★★
6.40 Notting Hill (1999/15) Romantic comedy, with Hugh Grant and Julia Roberts. ★★★★
9.00 Wild Rose (2018/15) After being released from prison, Glaswegian singer Rose-Lynn chases her dreams of being a country music star. Drama, with Jessie Buckley. ★★★★
11.05 Honest Thief (2020/15) Crime thriller, starring Liam Neeson and Kate Walsh. ★★★
1.10-3.30am The Debt Collector (1999/18) Thriller, starring Billy Connolly. ★★★★

SKY CINEMA PREMIERE

7.00am Pets on a Train (2025/PG) See 5.30am. ★★★
8.40 Coyotes (2025/15) See 3.50pm. ★★★
10.25 Materialists (2025/15) See 8.00pm. ★★★
12.25pm One More Shot (2025/15) Time loop comedy, starring Emily Browning. ★★★★
2.10 Sketch (2025/12) Fantasy comedy, starring Tony Hale and D'Arcy Carden. ★★★
3.50 Coyotes (2025/15) Comedy thriller, starring Justin Long and Mila Harris. ★★★
5.35 Jurassic World: Rebirth (2025/12) Adventure, starring Jonathan Bailey. ★★★★
8.00 Materialists (2025/15) Comedy, starring Dakota Johnson and Chris Evans. ★★★
10.00 Bring Her Back (2025/18) Thriller, starring Billy Barratt and Sora Wong. ★★★★
11.50 Icefall (2025/15) Thriller, starring Joel Kinnaman and Bashar Rahal. ★★★
1.35am Adulthood (2025/15) Comedy drama, with Josh Gadd and Kaya Scodelario. ★★★
3.20 The Gentleman (2025/15) Thriller, starring Ron Perlman and Hovik Keuchkerian. ★★★
5.00 Sky Cinema Preview-March 2026
5.30-7.00am Pets on a Train (2025/PG) Animated adventure, featuring the voices of Wyatt Bowen and Daniel Brochu. ★★★

SKY CINEMA DRAMA

5.40pm A Star Is Born (2018/15) Drama, with Bradley Cooper and Lady Gaga. ★★★★★
8.00 Joker: Folie a Deux (2024/15) Musical thriller, starring Joaquin Phoenix. ★★
10.20 An Officer and a Gentleman (1982/15) Romantic drama, starring Richard Gere, Debra Winger and Louis Gossett Jr. ★★★
12.25am Escape to Victory (1981/PG) Second World War drama, starring Michael Caine and Sylvester Stallone. ★★★★
2.25 Turtles All the Way Down (2024/12) Drama, with Isabela Merced. ★★★★
4.20-6.30am An Officer and a Gentleman (1982/15) See 10.20pm. ★★★

SKY CINEMA FAMILY

4.25pm Bee Movie (2007/U) Animation, with the voice of Jerry Seinfeld. ★★★★
6.00 The Wizard of Oz (1939/U) Musical fantasy, starring Judy Garland. ★★★★★
7.45 The Karate Kid Part II (1986/PG) Martial arts sequel, starring Ralph Macchio. ★★★★
9.40 The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey (2012/12) Fantasy adventure, starring Martin Freeman and Ian McKellen. ★★★★
12.30am Paulie (1998/U) Adventure, starring Gena Rowlands and Tony Shalhoub. ★★★
2.05 Ride On (2023/PG) Action drama, starring Jackie Chan and Liu Haocun. ★★★★
4.15 Spy Kids (2001/U) Family adventure, with Antonio Banderas and Carla Gugino. ★★★★
5.50-7.10am Tom and Jerry Cowboy Up! (2021/U) Animated adventure, with the voices of George Ackles and Sean Burgos. ★★★

TALKING PICTURES TV

4.40pm Broken Journey (1948/PG) Drama, with Phyllis Calvert and James Donald. ★★
6.25 Whiplash Australian Western drama.
6.55 The Man from UNCLE Spy drama.
8.00 Gideon's Way Police drama series.
9.00 Murder in Batz (2015/15) Premiere. French crime drama, starring Stephane Freiss and Flore Bonaventura. ★★★
10.50 The World of Hammer Vampire films.
11.25 Attack of the Giant Leeches (1959/PG) Horror, starring Gene Roth. ★★
12.40am Budgie James Bolam guest stars.
1.45-3.25am Hi Mom! (1970/18) Comedy, with Robert De Niro and Allen Garfield. ★★★

GREAT! MYSTERY

7.00pm Castle American crime drama.
8.00 Unforgettable Poppy Montgomery stars.
9.00 In Plain Sight Mary McCormack stars.
10.00 An Emma Fielding Mystery: Site Unseen (2017/PG) Whodunit, with Courtney Thorne-Smith and James Tupper. ★★★
11.55pm Aurora Teagarden Mysteries: Til Death Do Us Part (2021/PG) Mystery, starring Candace Cameron Bure. ★★
1.50am Treacherous (2018) Thriller. ★★★
3.20-6.00am Live Once, Die Twice (2006/12) Thriller, starring Kellie Martin. ★★★

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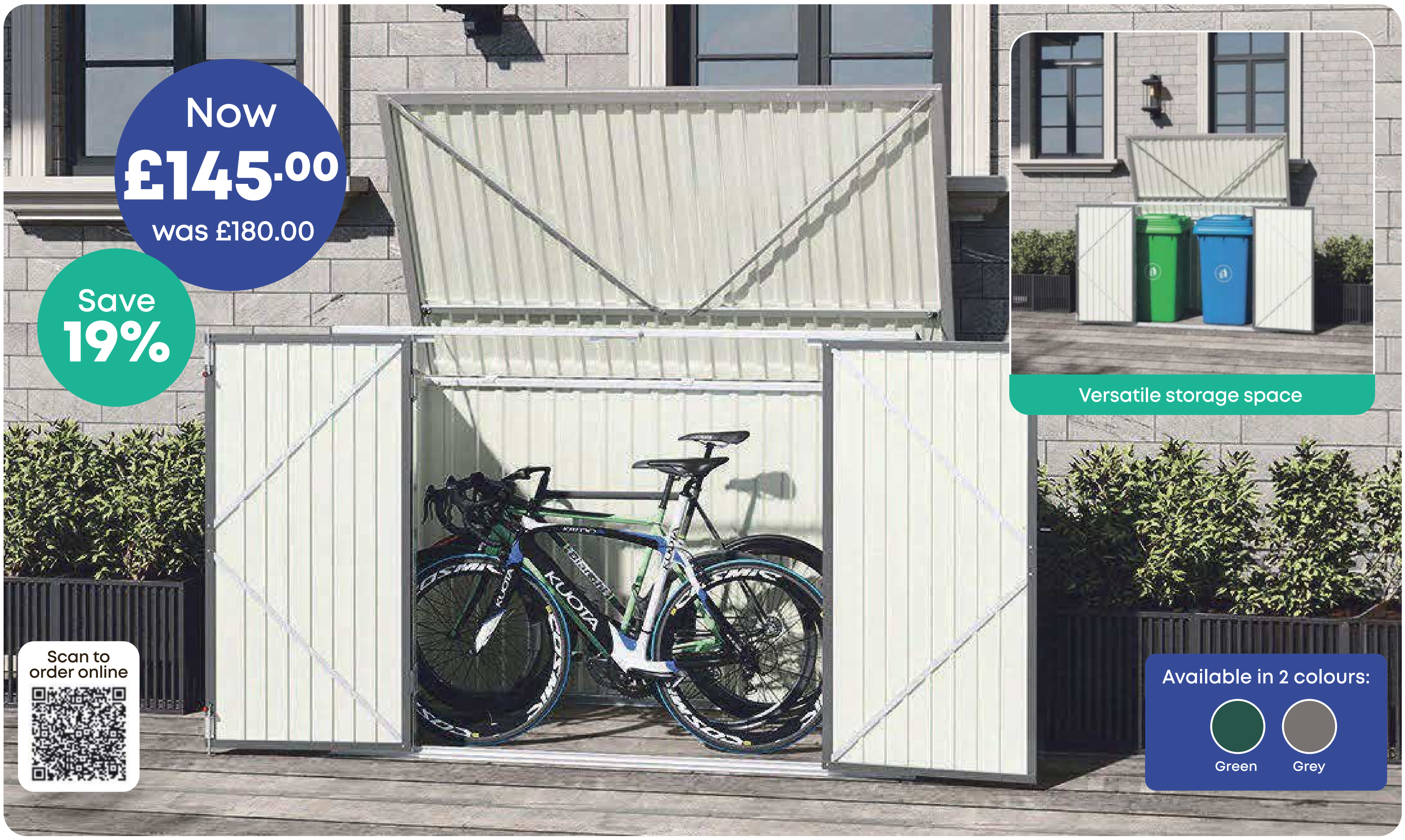

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ARIES MARCH 21-APRIL 20

Be aware of limits in relationships, professional arrangements and social expectations. You want to please everyone but the fact of the matter is: you can't. Don't push yourself too hard. At some point you need to set limits and you have reached that stage. This awareness can bring clarity, allowing you to prioritise what truly matters.

For more call **0905 789 4171**
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GEMINI MAY 22-JUNE 21

If you find yourself disagreeing with others, expect this to get emotional. People will say some hurtful things. Try not to let it get to you. Someone you work with or live with has a reputation for being pessimistic. It may be worth considering their perspective, as it could lead to deeper understanding. Take a moment to think before you respond.

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LEO JULY 24-AUG 23

You're dealing with some awkward issues with family or friends regarding finances, legal matters or inheritances. It would probably be best to hold off on tackling these things, your finances will look in a better state at the end of the week. Consider focusing on strengthening those personal connections – a little patience can go a long way.

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SAGITTARIUS NOV 23-DEC 21

It won't take much to get sidetracked from your responsibilities. You would much prefer to take part in sports, outdoors or leisure activities. If your boss makes it clear you must fulfil current obligations, plan something that gets you out. A spontaneous adventure could reignite your enthusiasm, leaving you refreshed for the tasks ahead.

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TAURUS APRIL 21-MAY 21

You're starting to see a difference in your social life when a group isn't as relaxed as it was. How much longer you want to stay involved is the big question. A far-off objective is coming into focus and this will hold your attention. This may illuminate pathways you hadn't considered before. Trust your instincts as you navigate these shifting dynamics.

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CANCER JUNE 22-JULY 23

If you're looking forward to a holiday or you're about to embark on a long journey, make sure you are well-prepared. Some careful planning will help you steer clear of potential problems further down the line. Curiosity can enhance your experience, turning every moment into an adventure. If you don't travel often, accept advice from an adventurous friend.

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VIRGO AUG 24-SEPT 23

If a friend or coworker seems negligent, disorganised or sloppy, it could be they have something important on their mind. They may not be aware of how messy they have become and you might want to bring this to their attention. Your gentle nudging could open the door to a meaningful conversation, restoring harmony in your relationship.

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CAPRICORN DEC 22-JAN 20

Not everything will go as you wish but there will be times when you feel in control. Opportunities that come your way should be approached with care. A little caution now will go a long way. Some positive family news helps ease tension, ushering in warmth and unity. Embrace these moments as they remind you of the love that surrounds you.

For more call **0905 789 4180**
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LIBRA SEPT 24-OCT 23

You sense your beliefs or lifestyle are being questioned. This might be by an older relative or someone in the family. You feel they're against you and they want you to make changes. If their requests are fair, consider them. If they feel wrong to you, stand your ground. Trust your intuition; it often knows what is truly right for you amidst the noise.

For more call **0905 789 4177**
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AQUARIUS JAN 21-FEB 19

Steer clear of political or religious debates. Everyone will be set in their opinions and someone is hell-bent on making others see things their way. You could do without the drama and that's why you might prefer to keep your views to yourself. Instead, nurture connections that bring you joy. These moments will be much richer.

For more call **0905 789 4181**
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SCORPIO OCT 24-NOV 22

You will want to refrain from imposing your views on others. People will disagree and they won't hold back from telling you so. Equally, you should avoid letting others force their opinions on you. Someone is so passionate that they genuinely wish to pressure others into adopting their mindset. Every perspective adds to a richer tapestry of understanding.

For more call **0905 789 4178**
(80p/min + network access charge)

PISCES FEB 20-MARCH 20

Energy is low and you might find it hard to be as enthusiastic as others seem to be. You've been through a number of challenges lately and this has drained you. Spending time with a quiet friend would also be beneficial as their calm presence can offer solace amid the chaos of your thoughts. Enjoy the stillness and let it recharge your spirit.

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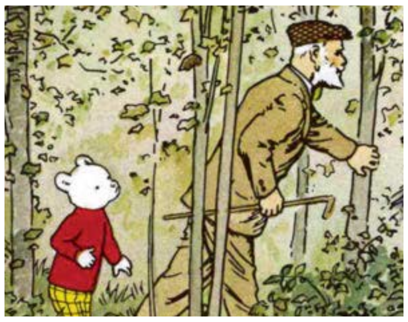
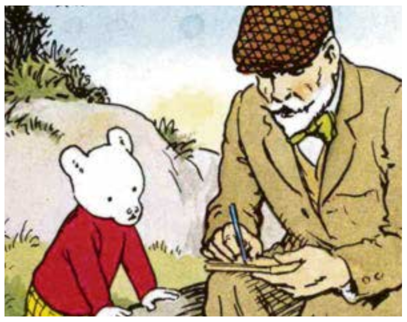
NUTWOOD TALES

RUPERT AND THE SQUIRE No.35



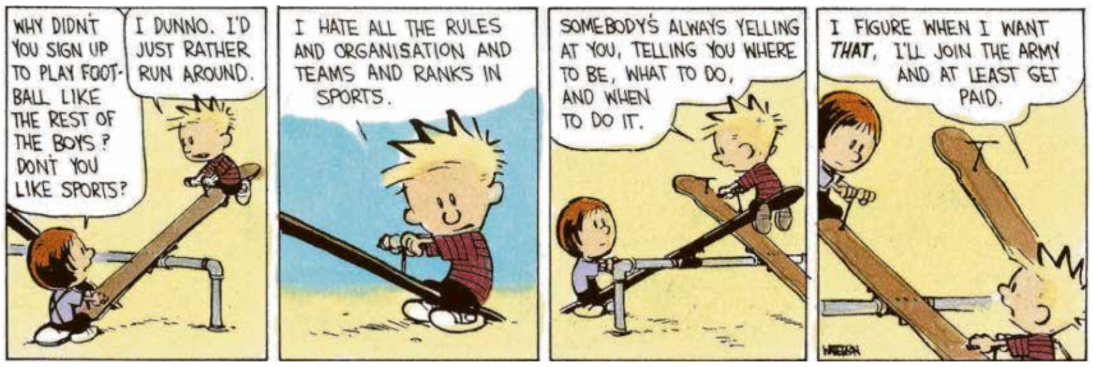
Beppo slipped through that window hole,
And took things the real thieves stole!"

The Squire says, "There's more stolen stuff,
The thieves will come back, sure enough!"



Still muttering the Squire thrusts his way back. "Please explain," Rupert begs. "What have you thought of?" "Don't you see?" the Squire says. "We're on the track of the real thieves. A man couldn't get into that window, but a monkey could! There was something else glittering in there. I believe they're using that hut to hide the stolen things, and Beppo nipped through the window and took..." The Squire breaks off and begins to write.

CALVIN AND HOBBES
BILL WATTERSON



WHY DIDN'T YOU SIGN UP TO PLAY FOOT-BALL LIKE THE REST OF THE BOYS? DON'T YOU LIKE SPORTS?
I DUNNO. I'D JUST RATHER RUN AROUND.
I HATE ALL THE RULES AND ORGANISATION AND TEAMS AND RANKS IN SPORTS.
SOMEBODY'S ALWAYS YELLING AT YOU, TELLING YOU WHERE TO BE, WHAT TO DO, AND WHEN TO DO IT.
I FIGURE WHEN I WANT THAT, I'LL JOIN THE ARMY AND AT LEAST GET PAID.

FAITH, HOPE AND SUE
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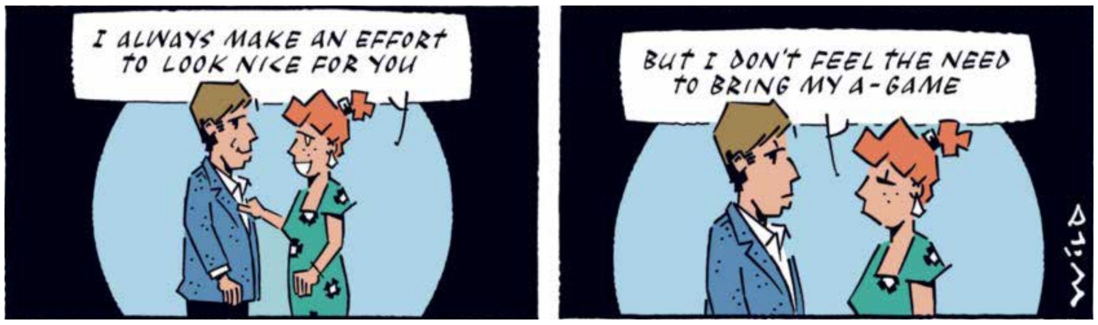

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STOCK MARKET

FTSE 100	10317.7	▲	+56.5
FTSE 250	22022.5	▼	-48.6
FTSE ALL SHARE	5521.0	▲	+25.2
Shares Traded	14071.4 million		

POPULAR SHARES ON THE RISE

Abrdn	205¼	+2¼
Aviva	640½	+7¼
BAE Systems	2322	+15
Barclays	388¼	+2
BP	540¼	+6
BT Group	214½	+¼
Centrica	208¼	+1
Haleon	385¾	+11
HSBC Holdings	1195¾	+15½
Intl Distribution Services	359½	+359½
Lloyds Banking Group	95	+¾
Marks & Spencer Group	360	+1½
NATWEST GROUP	573½	+8¼
Rolls-Royce Holdings	1230	+14½
Saga	481	+16
Sainsbury (J)	350¼	+3¾
Shell	3415	+47½
Tesco	490½	+1¾
Unilever	4881	+46½
Vodafone Group	109½	+½
Whitbread	2381	+27

POPULAR SHARES ON THE SLIDE

AstraZeneca	14364	-16
Convatec Group	233¾	-3¾
GSK	2026	-5
Int Consolidated Airlines	352½	-1¼

WORLD MARKETS

WALL STREET	46,946.4	▲	+387.9
TOKYO	53751.1	▼	-68.5
HONG KONG	25834.0	▲	+368.4
GERMANY	23564.0	▲	+116.7
FRANCE	7936.0	▲	+24.4

STERLING VALUE

Dollar	1.3304	▲	+0.0078
Yen	211.88	▲	+0.6300
Euro	1.1573	▼	-0.0012

DOLLAR VALUE

Dollar/Yen	159.21	▼	-0.5200
Dollar/Euro	0.8694	▼	-0.0066

COMMODITIES

GOLD($)	▼	4995.50
KRUGERRAND(£)	▼	3758.17
SILVER(pence)	▼	6062.10
BRENT CRUDE($)	▲	101.66

OTHER INDICATORS

Base rate	3.75%
Halifax mortgage rate	5.95%
Retail Price Index	+3.8% (CPI +3.0%)
House price Index	+2.4%
Unemployment	1,883,000

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Hungary	426.46 forint
Israel	3.89 shekel
Japan	202.51 yen
Jordan	0.88 dinar
Mexico	22.39 peso
New Zealand	2.21 dollar
Norway	12.47 krone
Poland	4.71 zloty
Saudi Arabia	4.73 riyal
South Africa	21.43 rand
Sweden	11.90 krona
Switzerland	1.01 franc
Thailand	41.41 baht
Turkey	54.41 lira
United States	1.30 dollar

Chinese online retailer takes on Amazon with UK launch

BY **FELIX ARMSTRONG**

CHINESE retail giant JD.com has challenged Amazon's control of the home-delivery market with the UK launch of online shop Joybuy.

The platform offers big-name brands including Apple, Samsung and Lego.

Its "Double 11" slogan promises orders placed before 11am will arrive before 11pm the same day.

JD.com – founded by billionaire Richard Liu – is China's biggest retailer.

It made a series of abortive attempts to branch into the UK retail market before yesterday's launch of the delivery platform.

The firm walked away from a takeover battle for electronics retailer Currys in 2024, and was also in talks to snap up retail giant Argos before its owner, Sainsbury's, terminated discussions in September.

In its latest attempt to crack the British market, Joybuy has opened three self-operated warehouses in Milton Keynes and Luton. It plans to reach more than 17 million potential customers with free same-day delivery.

By contrast, established rival Amazon had more than 30 fulfilment centres across the UK in 2025, offering same-day delivery to 81 cities and towns for orders placed before noon. Areas covered by Joybuy's "Double-11" promise include London, Birmingham, Leicester, Nottingham, Oxford and Cambridge.

Joybuy offers delivery pledge

JD.com is marketing the new venture as a direct challenge to Amazon. It has launched virtual brand stores on its site with partners including L'Oreal, De'Longhi and BRITA.

Joybuy aims to match Amazon's range of products, including tech, toys and food.

A spokesperson said: "British shoppers have long had to settle for a trade-off between price and speed, often paying a premium to get their orders more quickly. We're here to change that.

"We've built the infrastructure, we've partnered with incredible brands, and now we're ready to show the UK a better way to shop."

Joybuy follows AliExpress and Temu as a Chinese retailer entering the British online marketplace, though the latter firms rely on third-party merchants while Joybuy says it is a first-party retailer.

INVESTORS BID TO KEEP THAMES AFLOAT

Thames Water

Creditors' plan for water giant involves £10bn cash and debt deal

THAMES Water's creditors have offered a "best and final" offer in a bid to stop it falling into special administration.

Investors behind the London & Valley Water consortium presented regulator Ofwat with a package that could prevent Thames from collapsing.

It involves an extra £3.4billion in equity and £6.5bn new debt – the firm is already clogged up by a £20bn debt pile. The deal commits to pay hundreds of millions of pounds in fines for pollution and sewage leaks, a small community fund and a £20.5bn spend over five years.

Bills for its 16 million users would fall if it performs better.

The deal needs approval from Environment Secretary Emma Reynolds and regulators. Ofwat was "reviewing the plans".

Dragon Theo to breathe new life into Robert Dyas

Investor Theo Paphitis

THEO Paphitis has stepped in to "steady the ship" at Robert Dyas as the 93-store hardware chain's losses climb.

The ex-Dragons' Den investor owns several retailers and has installed himself as interim chief executive at Dyas amid "testing times" for the brand.

He bought the firm for £10million in 2012 and is trying to secure its future by moving into online shopping.

Paphitis, 66, who also owns stationer Ryman and lingerie retailer Boux Avenue, said he was taking the reins in order to return Dyas to profitability.

He said: "Robert Dyas has had a more testing time and at the end of last summer I increased my direct involvement in the brand, taking up the role of interim CEO to steady the ship and refocus the strategic direction."

Dyas' sales fell by 5% in the year to March 2025 but the firm, founded in 1872, aims to expand its website and click-and-collect services.

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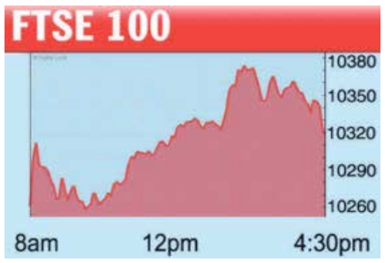
			52 WEEK	
COMPANY	CLOSE	+/-	HIGH	LOW
3i Group	2935	-34	4459	2932
A.B. Foods	1873	+11	2337	1838
Admiral Group	†			
Airtel Africa	359	+8½	372¾	141¼
Alliance Trust	1232#	+2	1304	1050
Anglo American	3116#	+7	3829	2003¾
Antofagasta	3521	+18	4455	1383
AstraZeneca	14364#	-16	15542	9667
Auto Trader	486¼	-8½	908½	457
Aviva	640½	+7¼	692½	493
Babcock International	1360	-20	1502	655½
BAE Systems	2322	+15	2332	1406½
Barclays	388¼#	+2	501½	241¾
Barratt Development	285	-4	482¼	284½
Beazley Group	1290	+2	1292	769
Berkeley Grp Hldgs	3678	-22	4434	3524
BP	540¼#	+6	546	331¾
British Amer.Tob	4572	+53	4640	3025
British Land	372½	+6¾	424½	321¼
BT Group	214½	+¼	222¾	150½
Bunzl	2270	-34	3368	1989
Burberry Group	1034	+4½	1371½	627¾
Centrica	208¼	+1	210¼	138¼
Coca-Cola HBC	4554	+6	4850	3306
Compass Group	2291	+20	2808	2035
Convatec Group	233¾	-3¾	295½	220
CRH	7664#	+136	9704	6142
Croda International	2624	-52	3307	2465
DCC	4624	-88	5420	4350
Diageo	1450	-17½	2215	1447½
Diploma	5015	-30	5685	3624
EasyJet	362¾#	-6½	587¾	358½
Entain	533¼#	-14½	1022	501¼
Experian Group	2752	+14	4088	2375
F&C Inv Tst	1226	+8	1289	962
Flutter Entert.	8228	-14	23100	7712
Fresnillo	3428	+22	4448	742½
Games Workshop	17080#	-180	19840	12410
GlaxoSmithKline	2026#	-5	2268	1264
Glencore	516	-2½	534½	230
Haleon	385¾	+11	415¼	326½
Halma	3838	-40	4184	2360
Hikma	1266	+26	2176	1222
Hiscox	1523	+32	1548	1047
HSBC Holdings	1195¾#	+15½	1398	713¼
IMI	2670	+30	2904	1606
Imperial Brands	3254#	+53	3341	2667
Informa	760¾	+2	993½	640¼
InterContinental Htl	9798¾	-3106¼	11078	5587¼
Intermediate Cap.Grp	1544	+4	2340	1521
Intertek Group	3650	-84	5385	3650
Intl Consolidated Airlines	352½	-1¼	457¼	224½
JD Sports	71½	-1¼	104½	63¼
Kingfisher	312½	+4	370½	240¼
Land Securities	592	+6½	675	499½
Legal & General	248	+1½	275¼	215¼
Lloyds Banking Grp	95	+¾	112½	64
London & Stamford Prop	192#	-½	215	170½
London Stock Ex	8758	+12	11845	7170
M&G	297¼	+1¼	322½	172¾
Marks & Spencer	360	+1½	411¼	318½
Melrose	508	+8¾	681¾	386
Mondi	824½	+6	1295½	815½
National Grid	1356	-17½	1391	919¾
NatWest Group	573½	+8¼	694¼	411¼
Next	12865	+20	14580	9584
Pearson	991¼	+3½	1379	891½
Pershing Square Hold	4130#	-24	5090	3244
Persimmon	1192½	+1	1543½	1037½
Phoenix Group	688	-3	767½	506
Prudential	1090	+19	1220	702½
Reckitt Benckiser	5484	+128162187½		5376
RELX	2581	+11	4129	2013
Rentokil Initial	480	-7½	486½	309½
Rightmove	451¾	-12¼	823¾	414¾
Rio Tinto	6694#	+29	7461	4117
Rolls-Royce Group	1230	+14½	1352½	635¾
Sage Group	846	+6	1288½	783½
Sainsbury (J)	350¼	+3¾	359½	228¾
Schroders	572#	+1½	587½	289¼
Scottish Mortgage	1192	+10	1267	815¼
SEGRO	743¼	+20½	841¼	599
Severn Trent	3146	-12	3280	2370
Shell	3415#	+47½	3424½	2291½
Smith & Nephew	1241½	-6½	1435	937¾
Smiths Group	2386	+20	2746	1687
Smurfit Kappa	2957#	-58	4104	2558
Spirax-Sarco	6630	-185	7960	5445
SSE	2717	-13	2755	1463½
St James's Place	1292½	+1½	1553	791
Standard Chartered	1550	+3½	1906	878¾
Tesco	490½	+1¾	501¼	314½
Unilever	4881#	+46½	6177½	4631
United Utilities	1352	-2	1393	944½
Vodafone Group	109½	+½	117¾	64
Weir Group	2830	-12	3546	1984
Whitbread	2381	+27	3274	2335



Security strife at Companies House

A COMPUTER glitch at Companies House has allowed users to change other firms' data without their consent for the past six months.

The government registry said the security failure was introduced in a system update last October.

After being spotted on Friday the incident was reported to the Information Commissioner's Office and National Cyber Security Centre.

Companies House insisted that no passwords were compromised and no data accessed, including passport information.

The registry has yet to receive any reports of data being changed without permission but invited users to check their registered details.

CEO Andy King apologised for the failure, saying: "We are committed to making sure our services continue to merit the trust placed in them."

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SHARES AT A GLANCE

COMPANY	CLOSE	+/-	52 WEEK HIGH	52 WEEK LOW
Aerospace & Defence				
Avon Rubber	1836	-4	2180	1338
Babcock International	1360	-20	1502	655½
BAE Systems	2322	+15	2332	1406½
Chemring Group	541	-2	593	352½
QinetiQ Group	505	-5	572	361½
Rolls-Royce Group	1230	+14½	1352½	635¾
Senior	281½	-3½	308	115¾
Alternative Energy				
Porvair	752	-8	900	626
Banks				
Barclays	388¼#	+2	501½	241¾
Bco Santander	817	-1	964	451½
Close Brothers	357½	-57¾	550½	266½
HSBC Holdings	1195¾#	+15½	1398	713¼
Investec	580	+8	648	414
Lloyds Banking Grp	95	+¾	112½	64
Metro Bank	111¾	+1	135¼	81
NatWest Group	573½	+8¼	694¼	411¼
Paragon Group	766	-4	970	686½
Standard Chartered	1550	+3½	1906	878¾
Beverages				
Barr (AG)	663	-6	711	593
Coca-Cola HBC	4554	+6	4850	3306
Diageo	1450	-17½	2215	1447½
Chemicals				
Carclo	48	+1¼	80	21¾
Croda International	2624	-52	3307	2465
Elementis	151½	-¾	176½	115
Johnson Matthey	1905	-13	2388	1156
Synthomer	18½	+¼	154¾	17½
Treatt	205	-2½	401½	186½
Victrex	603	-10	1048	589
Construction & Materials				
Balfour Beatty	757	+3	781	390½
Costain Group	195½	-¼	197¼	98½
CRH	7664#	+136	9704	6142
Dialight	300	-2	364	101
Galliford Try	514#	-15	577	321
Gleeson (MJ)	290#	-10	538	290
Keller Group	2090	-35	2145	1240
Kier Group	214		252½	115¼
Marshalls	147½	+5¼	293	136
Morgan Sindall	4345	-25	5530	2945
Severfield-Rowen	27¾	-¼	47¾	19
Smart (J) & Co.	120		132½	110
Electricity				
Drax Group	887½	+1½	918	536½
SSE	2717	-13	2755	1463½
Telecom Plus	1346	+2	2085	1326
Electronic & Electrical Equipment				
Acal	574		738	486
Halma	3838	-40	4184	2360
Oxford Instruments	2500	-15	2655	1500
Renishaw	3885#	+5	4345	2145
TT Electronics	115	-3¾	154	73
XP Power	1352	-60	1424	621
Equity Investment Instruments				
Aberdeen Asian Sml	379#	+2	424	256
Aberforth Smll.Co.	1544	-22	1710	1212
Acorn Income				
Albion Tech.& Gen. VCT	66		71	64½
Alliance Trust	1232#	+2	1304	1050
Aurora Inv.Tst.	243	+1	279	212½
AVI Global Tst	249	-1½	272½	202
Baillie Gifford Japan	868	-2	952	657
Baillie Gifford Shin Nip	142½		153½	95½
Bankers Inv.Tst	132	+½	137¾	101
Baronsmead VCT.2	46¾#		52	45¾
BH Macro GBP	437½	+1½	439	371½
Biotech Growth Trust	1250	+20	1285	620
BlackRock Mining	880	-4	1040	406½
Bluehone AiM VCT2	29		31	28
British Assets Tst	13¾#	-¼	49¼	13½
Brunner Inv.Tst.	1404#	-2	1504	1140
Caledonia Inv.	332	-2	391½	328
City Natural Res.Yld.	360	-3	440	165¾
City Of London	545	+1	584	411½
Dunedin Ent.IT.				
Dunedin Income	294	+1	312	262
Edin Wwide Inv	219	-5	236	143
Edin.Inv.Tst.	791	+1	839	680
Edin.US Tracker	388		408	289½
Elderstreet VCT	38¾		41	36½
F&C Cap&Inc	343#	-1	372	287
F&C Inv Tst.	1226	+8	1289	962
F&C Smaller Cos	179½	-½	193	136½
F&C US Smaller Companies	1335	-17½	1440	1115
Fidelity Asian	620		672	454
Fidelity European	401	-½	441½	338½
Fidelity Special	421½	-3	460	295½
Finsbury Gwth&In.	754	+1	934	729
Foresight Tech.VCT	65½		75½	62
Genesis E.M.F.	1182	+2	1308	632
Graphite Ent	1316	+6	1600	1070
Hansa Tst ‘A’	278	+1	284	190
Hansa Tst Plc	280	+4	284	192½
Henderson Far Est	251		271	190½
Henderson High Inc	192½	+1½	209	151
Herald Inv.Tst.	2505	+20	2640	1738
HGCapital Tst.	405	+1½	538	380
HSBC Infrastructure	120¾#	-1	125¼	106
Impax Env.Mkt	416	-1½	451	310½
Int.Biotech.Tst.	908	+16	996	480
International Public	129½#	-½	134	107¾
Invesco Asia	431	+4	462	300
Invesco Perp UK	342½	-2	390½	313½
JPM American	1108		1146	869
JPM Asian	508	+5	548	331½
JPM Claverhouse	870	+4	918	660
JPM Emerg Mkt	146¼	+1¼	155¼	95
JPM Euro Sml Co	584		659	444½
JPM Global Emerging	186#	+1	204	118½
JPM Indian	871	+5	1106	862
JPM Japanese	762	+2	839	493
JPM Overseas IT	562#	+2	589	480
JPM Smaller Co	319#	-4½	358	253
JPM US Sml Co	385	-1	444	338
Jupiter Euro	845	-7	959	757
JZ Capital Partners	178	+10	220	167
Law Debenture	1104		1200	788
Lowland Invest Co	165		185	114½
Majedie Inv.	278	-4	284	230
Manchester&Lon	762	-6	944	512
Maven Income And Growth VCT	34½		38	33½
Mercantile Inv Tst	249½		270	202½
Merchants Tst.	602#	+1	658	474
Mid Wynd Int.	720#	-2	796	664
Monks Inv.Tst.	1434	+2	1554	1036
Montanaro Euro Tst	153		183½	138
Montanaro Uk	97½	-½	105½	87¾
Murray Inc.Tst.	904	-3	989	754
Murray Int.Tst	345½	+1	368	239
New India	676	-2	832	658
New Star Inv.Tst.	129	+3	131	100
North Atl.Smlr.Tst	334#	-6	402	318
Northern 2 VCT	53½		57	52
Northern Venture	57		58½	55½
Oxford Tech 2 VCT	7		7	5
Pacific Assets	376	-1	403	302
Pacific Horizon	909		978	507
Pantheon Int.	355	+1½	389	266
Pershing Square Hold	4130#	-24	5090	3244
Polar Cap.Tech	497	+3	525	255½
RCM Technology Trust	530		554	307
RIT Capital Partners	2150	-5	2275	1722
Ruffer Investment	307½		319	272½
Schroder Asia	705	+7	759	461½
Schroder Inc.	343	-4	370	255
Schroder Japan	328		372	209
Schroder UK	192	-½	211	158½
Schroder UK M&S	704	-6	760	520
Scottish American	506#	+1	533	454½
Scottish Mortgage	1192	+10	1267	815¼
Small Comp Div.Tst	136		150	124
Standard Life Equity	404#		440	288½
Standard Life UK Sml	479½	-2½	531	426
Temple Bar	372#	+½	404½	258
Templeton Emrg.	262	+2	286	151¾
The European Inv.Tst	99	-¼	111½	84
Throgmorton Tst.	555#	-5	666	469
TR Euro.Growth	210		229½	163
TR Prop. IT	322½	+1½	361½	277½
Witan Pacific	310	+1½	322	223
Wwide Healthcare	340	+1	397	265½
Financial Services				
3i Group	2935	-34	4459	2932
3i Infrastructure	345	-1½	385	301
Abrdn	205¼	+2¼	225¼	123¾
Ashmore Group	211#	-2	266¾	125
Guinness Peat Group	86½	-1½	93½	68¼
IG Group	1354	-3	1382	913
Intermediate Cap.Grp	1544	+4	2340	1521
International Pers Fin	255		256	125¾
IP Group	49¼	+¼	65	34¾
Jupiter Fund Man.	172¾	-4½	195¼	68
Liontrust Asset Man	260½	+15½	413½	231½
London Stock Ex.	8758	+12	11845	7170
M&G	297¼	+1¼	322½	172¾
Man Group	250	-2¼	278¾	154¾
Provident Financial	108½	-1½	130¾	51
Rathbone Brothers	2060		2265	1406
S & U	2000	-80	2410	1330
Schroders	572#	+1½	587½	289¼
St James’s Place	1292½	+1½	1553	791
Tullett Prebon	276	+4	311½	228
Fixed Line Telecommunications				
Airtel Africa	359	+8½	372¾	141¼
BT Group	214½	+¼	222¾	150½
Food & Drug Retailers				
Greggs	1611	-38	2182	1418
Marks & Spencer	360	+1½	411¼	318½
Ocado	204¼	+5¾	395½	172¼
Sainsbury (J)	350¼	+3¾	359½	228¾
Tesco	490½	+1¾	501¼	314½
Food Producers				
A.B. Foods	1873	+11	2337	1838
Anglo-Eastern	1630	+5	1635	650
Carr’s Milling	131¾	+2¾	157	117
Cranswick	5290		5490	4625
Glanbia	1499	+41¾	1499	757¾
Greencore Group	254½	-5	306½	169¼
Kerry Grp ‘A’ Shs	5796¼	-16¾	8411	5712¾
Premier Foods	192½	-½	214½	167
REA Holdings	100	-1½	136	61½
Tate & Lyle	352¾	-2¾	603½	347½
Gas, Water & Multiutilities				
Centrica	208¼	+1	210¼	138¼
National Grid	1356	-17½	1391	919¾
Pennon Group	550½#	+3½	600	387½
Severn Trent	3146	-12	3280	2370
United Utilities	1352	-2	1393	944½
General Industrials				
Bunzl	2270	-34	3368	1989
Goodwin	24700	+100	27600	6180
Melrose	508	+8¾	681¾	386
Mondi	824½	+6	1295½	815½
Smiths Group	2386	+20	2746	1687
Smurfit Kappa	2957#	-58	4104	2558
General Retailers				
ASOS	230½	-2	364½	218½
Auto Trader	486¼	-8½	908½	457
B&M Europ Value Ret	180	+1	344½	155¼
Caffyns	400		500	350
Dixons Carphone	145¼		161	85¼
Dunelm	848½#	-15	1232	848½
Frasers Group	666	-7	770	546
Halfords Group	135	-1	174½	116¼
Headlam Group	45½	+2	116	39½
Howden Joinery	832	-5½	970	679½
Inchcape	795½	-2½	890	638
JD Sports	71½	-1¼	104½	63¼
Kingfisher	312½	+4	370½	240¼
Next	12865	+20	14580	9584
Pets At Home	190	-2¾	273¼	190
RM Group	95	-1	115	82
Topps Tiles	41½	+4½	50	29
WH Smith	562½	+11½	1159	558½
Health Care Equipment & Services				
Convatec Group	233¾	-3¾	295½	220
Flying Brands	+½		1½	+½
Smith & Nephew	1241½	-6½	1435	937¾
Household Goods & Home Construction				
Barratt Development	285	-4	482¼	284½
Bellway	2240	-44	2982	2166
Berkeley Grp Hldgs	3678	-22	4434	3524
Bovis Homes	389	-24	736¾	389
Mcbride	142½	+1½	167	107
Persimmon	1192½	+1	1543½	1037½
Reckitt Benckiser	5484	+128162187½		5376
Taylor Wimpey	94¾	+¼	123¼	93
Industrial Engineering				
Bodycote	640½	-20½	785½	460½
Hill & Smith	2110	-50	2425	1530
IMI	2670	+30	2904	1606
Morgan Crucible	201	-2½	243½	177½
Northgate	398½	+½	410½	273½
Rotork	307¼	-7½	385¾	275¾
Spirax-Sarco	6630	-185	7960	5445
Vesuvius	417	-7	503	313¾
Weir Group	2830	-12	3546	1984
Xaar	113		145	59
Industrial Metals & Mining				
Castings	254½	-5	319	234
Evraz				
Ferrexpo	51¾	+1¼	83½	44¼
Industrial Transportation				
Braemar Shipping Serv	234	-1	266	201
Clarkson	4665	+50	4675	2995
FirstGroup	171¾	-2½	233	146½
Fisher (J) & Sons	538	-12	548	285
Leisure Goods				
Games Workshop	17080#	-180	19840	12410
Photo-Me Intl.	136½			
Life Insurance				
Aviva	640½	+7¼	692½	493
Chesnara	300½	+½	328½	212¾
Legal & General	248	+1½	275¼	215¼
Phoenix Group	688	-3	767½	506
Prudential	1090	+19	1220	702½
Media				
4imprint Group	3420	-65	5230	3035
Bloomsbury Publish.	571	-13	651	438½
Future	423¾	-12½	913	399½
Informa	760¾	+2	993½	640¼
ITV	83	-½	87¾	66¼
Pearson	991¼	+3½	1379	891½
Reach	60¼	-¾	86½	53
STV Group	107	-3	196½	103
Wilmington Group	263#	+3	373	246
WPP Group	236	-2	644	234¾
Mining				
Anglo American	3116#	+7	3829	2003¾
Anglo Pacific	128	-½	152½	50
Antofagasta	3521	+18	4455	1383
BHP Billiton	2620#	+17	3036	1609½
Endeavour Mining	4526#	+134	5290	1536
Fresnillo	3428	+22	4448	742½
Gem Diamonds	4¾	+¼	10	2¾
Glencore	516	-2½	534½	230
Hochschild Mining	639	-4½	808½	183½
Kenmare Res.	221	-4½	436	221
Petra Diamonds	17½	+½	29	10½
Rio Tinto	6694#	+29	7461	4117
Mobile Telecommunications				
Vodafone Group	109½	+½	117¾	64
Nonequity Investment Instruments				
Oryx Int.Gwth.	1262½	-7½	1405	1042½
Rights &Iss.Inc	2165#	+25	2330	1670
Nonlife Insurance				
Admiral Group				
Beazley Group	1290	+2	1292	769
Hiscox	1523	+32	1548	1047
Lancashire	609	+2	694	523
Oil & Gas Producers				
BP	540¼#	+6	546	331¾
Cairn Energy	267½	-8½	281½	183
Enquest	19½		20¼	9¾
Gulf Keystone Pet.	204½	+6½	224½	148¾
Harbour Energy	291	+1¾	300½	151¼
Shell	3415#	+47½	3424½	2291½
Soco International	27½	+¾	27¾	18
Tullow Oil	13½		21½	4
Oil Equipment, Services & Distribution				
Hunting	481	+1	531	246½
Personal Goods				
Burberry Group	1034	+4½	1371½	627¾
PZ Cussons	74#	-¾	91	66
Unilever	4881#	+46½	6177½	4631
Pharmaceuticals & Biotechnology				
AstraZeneca	14364#	-16	15542	9667
Genus	2635#	-35	3170	1548
GlaxoSmithKline	2026#	-5	2268	1264
Haleon	385¾	+11	415¼	326½
Hikma	1266	+26	2176	1222
Ovoca Gold				
Oxford Biomedica	633	+3	913	232½
Real Estate Investment & Services				
Boot (Henry)	178	-4	237	176
Cardiff Property	2750		2766¾	2540
CLS Holdings	51	-½	72½	51
Foxtons	46	+¼	67¾	45¾
Harworth Group	172	+4½	189½	159½
Mountview Est.	8525#	-175	10200	8405
Panther Secs.	290		315	280
Rightmove	451¾	-12¼	823¾	414¾
Savills	928	+26	1108	871
Wynnstay Props.	875		910	700
Real Estate Investment Trusts				
Big Yellow Group	928	+3	1180	848
British Land	372½	+6¾	424½	321¼
Capital & Counties	134½	+1¾	161¼	113½
Derwent London	1672	+15	2096	1608
Grainger	171¾	-½	228	170¾
Great Portland Est.	309½	+6	374	262
Hammerson	328½	+13	370¾	220½
Helical Bar	192	+2	240	174
Land Securities	592	+6½	675	499½
London & Stamford Prop	192#	-½	215	170½
Primary Health	101½	+1¾	108¼	87½
SEGRO	743¼	+20½	841¼	599
Town Centre	115	+½	146	115
Unite Group	484¼	+12½	875	472¾
Value & Income	193½	-2½	215	173
Workspace Group	379	+½	454	362
Software & Computer Services				
Computacenter	2978	-48	3376	2122
Intec Telecom				
Microgen	227	-5	344	224
Moneysupermarket	165½	-2¼	221½	144½
Pendragon	250	-6½	558	249½
RELX	2581	+11	4129	2013
Sage Group	846	+6	1288½	783½
Triad Group	300		395	240
Support Services				
Capita Group	260	-8	407½	175
DCC	4624	-88	5420	4350
Diploma	5015	-30	5685	3624
Essentra	90¼	-3	118½	89¾
Experian Group	2752	+14	4088	2375
Ferguson	16710#	+100	19510	11670
Hays	34¾#	-½	88¼	34½
Intertek Group	3650	-84	5385	3650
Johnson Service	132¾	-2	159½	124
London Security	2450		3800	2300
Macfarlane Group	65¾	+½	120½	62¾
Mears Group	339	-3½	417½	311½
Michael Page	145	-1¾	341¼	143½
Mitie Group	172¾	-1½	183	112
Norish	28		28½	14
Paypoint	545#	-5	853	438½
Rentokil Initial	480	-7½	486½	309½
Robert Walters	89	-4	262	85½
RS Group	609½	-21½	732½	487¼
Serco Group	317	-3¼	322	152
SIG	8		18	7½
Smiths News	65½	+½	77½	47½
Speedy Hire	22¼		32¼	18
SThree	166½	-7½	278	137½
Travis Perkins	583½	+½	714	494
Trifast	67¾#	-2	87½	59
Vitec Group	2	-¼	125	1¾
Technology Hardware & Equipment				
BATM Advanced	15	+¼	19¾	12¾
Tobacco				
British Amer.Tob.	4572	+53	4640	3025
Imperial Brands	3254#	+53	3341	2667
Travel & Leisure				
888 Holdings	27½	-½	72¾	21
Carnival	1839½	+26½	2438	1134
Celtic	195		200	142½
Compass Group	2291	+20	2808	2035
Domino’s Pizza	184	+1½	299½	167¼
EasyJet	362¾#	-6½	587¾	358½
Entain	533¼#	-14½	1022	501¼
Flutter Entert.	8228	-14	23100	7712
Fuller Smith & Turner	680	+2	752	508
Heavitree	220#		275	200
InterContinental Htl.	9798¾	+86½	11078	5587¼
Intl Consolidated Airlines	352½	-1¼	457¼	224½
Irish Continental Uts	545	-2½	587½	380
Marston’s	54½	+½	69	33¼
Mitchells & Butlers	271½	-1	301	208½
National Express	20¾	-¼	68¾	20½
Rank Group	91¼	-¾	160½	78
Saga	481	+16	578	117½
Wetherspoon (JD)	641	-12	804	541
Whitbread	2381	+27	3274	2335
AIM				
Alumasc Group	250#		395	232
Arbuthnot Banking	872½	-10	1100	837½
Boohoo	20	-½	28¾	10½
Camellia	4955	+15	6050	4090
Churchill China	330		710	320½
CML Microsystems	215		335	210
Colefax Group	1100#		1165	750
CPP Group	51½	-22½	162	48
Cropper (James)	320		400	132½
Falkland Islands	255		316¾	162½
Fevertree Drinks	825	-5	998	671½
Filtronic	185½	-6½	205	82½
James Halstead	119	-3½	168½	119
Mothercare	1¾		3½	1½
Mpac Group	292½	-2½	491½	270
Naked Wine	68		93½	43
Nichols	966	-34	1465	930
Northamber	29		34	26½
Portmeirion	95		189	94
Regal Petroleum	15¾		23½	14½
Rockhopper Exploratn	69½	-1½	87¾	33½
Ten Alps	41		73	40¼
Titon Holdings	85		100	69
Volex	430½	-4	490	198¾
Young & Co Brewery A	794	-13	992	714

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LETTER OF THE DAY

Lord Ashcroft pictured outside the Imperial War Museum

Valour gongs finally have a new home

I'M SO pleased Lord Ashcroft's collection of gallantry medals has found a new home at the National Army Museum. The Imperial War Museum's reason for ending the exhibition is ridiculous and insulting to all who served.

I haven't visited the Imperial, and will not now. Aren't museums meant to display things from the past which we are curious about. Why discard the gallantry of the great wars?

My father served as a gunner in the Second World War and I'm proud of what he did and saddened to think no one will be interested in the medals he earned and his Western Desert campaign stories. However, a wonderful group from Oxford University have recorded all his artefacts on www.theirfinesthour.org.

Diane Voller,
Waterlooville, Hants

UK could do worse than to copy Carole's courage

THANK goodness for Carole Malone, who fearlessly reflects the views of many in the country. Like Carole, I was incensed and offended to read about Labour-run councils trying to impose minority religious beliefs upon our children, in this particular case telling schools that children should not be able to draw pictures of Jesus in case it offends Muslims.

These new guidelines also warn against holding dance classes which might involve physical contact between males and females. As Carole says, this can only be described as segregation. Ofsted should be monitoring all of this very closely and any schools peddling this diversive intolerance should be named and shamed.

Julie Foster,
Burnley, Lancs

Malone is spot-on about much maligned military

SO IT appears it's now handbags at dawn rather than the usual weapon you'd find our soldiers carrying.

Carole Malone's article reveals the mockery of our armed forces as the Army hierarchy has launched another woke review looking at whether or not our soldiers wanted to use make-up, hair extensions, nail polish or earrings!

They have also indicated needing "recovery time" if they have tattoos or piercing. Is it any wonder the rest of the planet is laughing at us just at the very time we need to be strong in the face of adversity.

It begs the question as to what calibre of person the army is recruiting and more importantly the criteria it is using.

Peter Rushton,
Chorley, Lancs

We are ill-prepared for anything let alone a war

HERE we go again, another conflict and our lives are turned upside down with hikes in petrol prices, diesel and domestic heating oil.

It won't be long before food rockets in price, with traders saying extra transport costs mean more expensive goods.

Don't the fuel companies have stocks? It took just a few days before petrol and diesel hiked.

Our country is so unprepared for anything with scant oil reserves, water and depleted armed forces.

All our leaders have done is to feather their own nests.

Bob Cross,
Manchester

Put water companies back into public ownership

IN LIEU of the clear breaches of health and safety regulation, the lack of investment and the greed of inept management – should all of our water companies be taken back into public ownership?

Water is a cash cow for investors, owners and managers of companies who neither seem to care nor have any scruples about the health and safety the public.

If this government is serious about the NHS, the environment, and impact on our general health this act of liquid littering must become a priority and be stopped.

I urge the government, the environment agency to challenge the owners, stakeholders and management of water companies to stop liquid littering and provide us all with good clean, fresh water.

Brett Trafford,
Vyne Park, Hants

By George, reparations claim is screwing us over

BRITAIN abolished slavery 200 years ago, so why is George Soros' Open Society Foundations funding a slavery reparations organisation campaign against Britain.

Maybe he just wants to screw over the British taxpayer even more than they have been by successive governments on the issue of Britain's colonial past?

Mark Twiddy,
Forest Gate, Gtr London

The simplest solution can benefit the majority of us

WHY CAN'T Labour see that the simplest solution is usually the best? Instead of paying employers a £3k subsidy to take on a benefit claimant, simply cut benefits to the point where a job is a better option than doing nothing – saving money for the taxpayer and unnecessary bureaucracy. Socialism just craves control, doesn't it?

John Lavender,
Port Erin, Isle of Man

Starmer need to side with victims not protect gangs

I TOTALLY agree with Dr Peter Outen's letter – you'd think Keir Starmer would be on the side of the victims but he seems to be protecting the grooming gang rapists, especially as he was once a top lawyer and DPP.

I do hope that we get to the bottom of this story and see if there is/was any cover-up.

Andrew Tiffin,
Tiptree, Essex

Unruly kids need a bit of tough love now and then

I ENCOUNTERED a mother with a child, aged seven or eight, in a shop who had the most appalling manners – "I want this, I want that". The child pushed by me , pointing at the cake counter, again with the "I want, I want".

The mother, on the other side of the shop called her over, but she didn't obey. She continued to get in my way as I was being served until her mother eventually dragged her out of the shop.

My children and grandchildren only ever did that once, never ever again. Sometimes tough love is necessary. Manners are easily learnt, so is obeying your elders.

Maggie Nunn,
Bridport, Dorset

Awful artwork proposals will not bridge that gap

IF THE ludicrously awful proposals for an artwork commemorating the felled Sycamore Gap tree are the best our nation can come up with, then frankly, God help us.

But I suppose we shouldn't be surprised having seen all the recent hideous statues of the Royal Family and the 10-ton pile of ropes that won this year's Turner Prize.

Roy Daniels,
Kingsclere, Hants

You can bank on the woke agenda even about wildlife

I SEE that various kinds of wildlife are to feature on future British banknotes, no doubt in order to avoid any of the controversy previously associated with the race and sex of some of the notable humans that have featured. I'm sure some will still complain should any of the featured creatures, such as doves or arctic foxes, be too white.

Stefan Badham,
Portsmouth, Hants

ONLY THING AGATHA COULDN'T WRITE WAS PRESCRIPTIONS

YOUR interesting article on Agatha Christie in Saturday's Daily Express mentions that the author was a pharmacist's assistant and learned about drugs and medicines ("The reigning mistress of the murder mystery", March 14).

It reminded me that my late cousin was a nurse at University College Hospital in London, and I remember her telling me that, when training, she was regularly sent along to the pharmacy to pick up medications, where she was served by none other than Agatha Christie herself.

Maggy Chapman,
Kedington, Suffolk

TODAY: Monday March 17, 2026

ON THIS DAY

DAILY EXPRESS

The Queen gives her consent to the break-up of a royal marriage

MARGARET AND TONY SET TO PART

Callaghan leads the race for No. 10

50 years ago (1976)

We announced that Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon, and her husband, the Earl of Snowdon had mutually agreed to live apart.

We also revealed that Jim Callaghan was the odds-on favourite to succeed Harold Wilson after the Labour PM's "bombshell" resignation.

Other leadership contenders included Denis Healey, Michael Foot, Tony Benn and Shirley Williams.

67 years ago (1959)

Tenzin Gyatso, the 14th Dalai Lama, then 23, fled Tibet in fear of his life from the Chinese authorities.

He and his followers made a perilous two-week trek across the Himalayas to India travelling mainly at night to avoid detection.

He established the Tibetan government-inexile in Dharamshala in northern India.

57 years ago (1969)

Golda Meir was elected Israel's fourth prime minister and became the country's first female leader.

Born in Kyiv in Ukraine in 1898, she emigrated with her family to the US where she became a teacher, before moving to Israel in 1921. She resigned in 1974 after Israel suffered losses in the Yom Kippur War against Egypt.

BIRTHDAYS

Singer and actress **Clare Grogan** is 64. She appeared in cult sci-fi comedy Red Dwarf. The Thing star **Kurt Russell** is 75. He enjoys making wine. Former model **Pattie Boyd** is 82. She inspired Eric Clapton's hit Layla. Wild Bill star **Rob Lowe** is 62. He went to school with Robert Downey Jr and Sean Penn.

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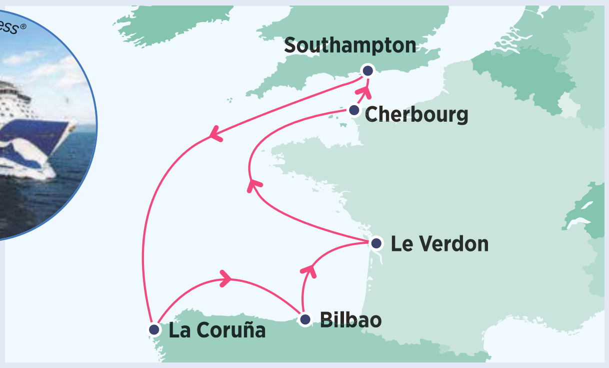

YOUR CRUISE HIGHLIGHTS

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Among the city's charms are the jumble of bars and restaurants found in Siete Calles, the city's old quarter. The Gran Vía and the Alameda Mazarredo are graceful, wide 19th century boulevards.

CHERBOURG

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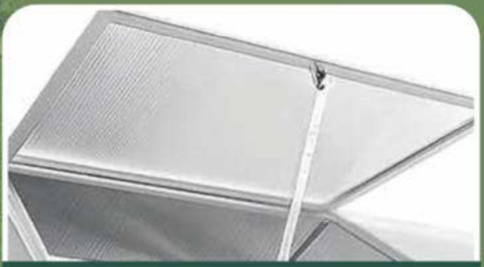
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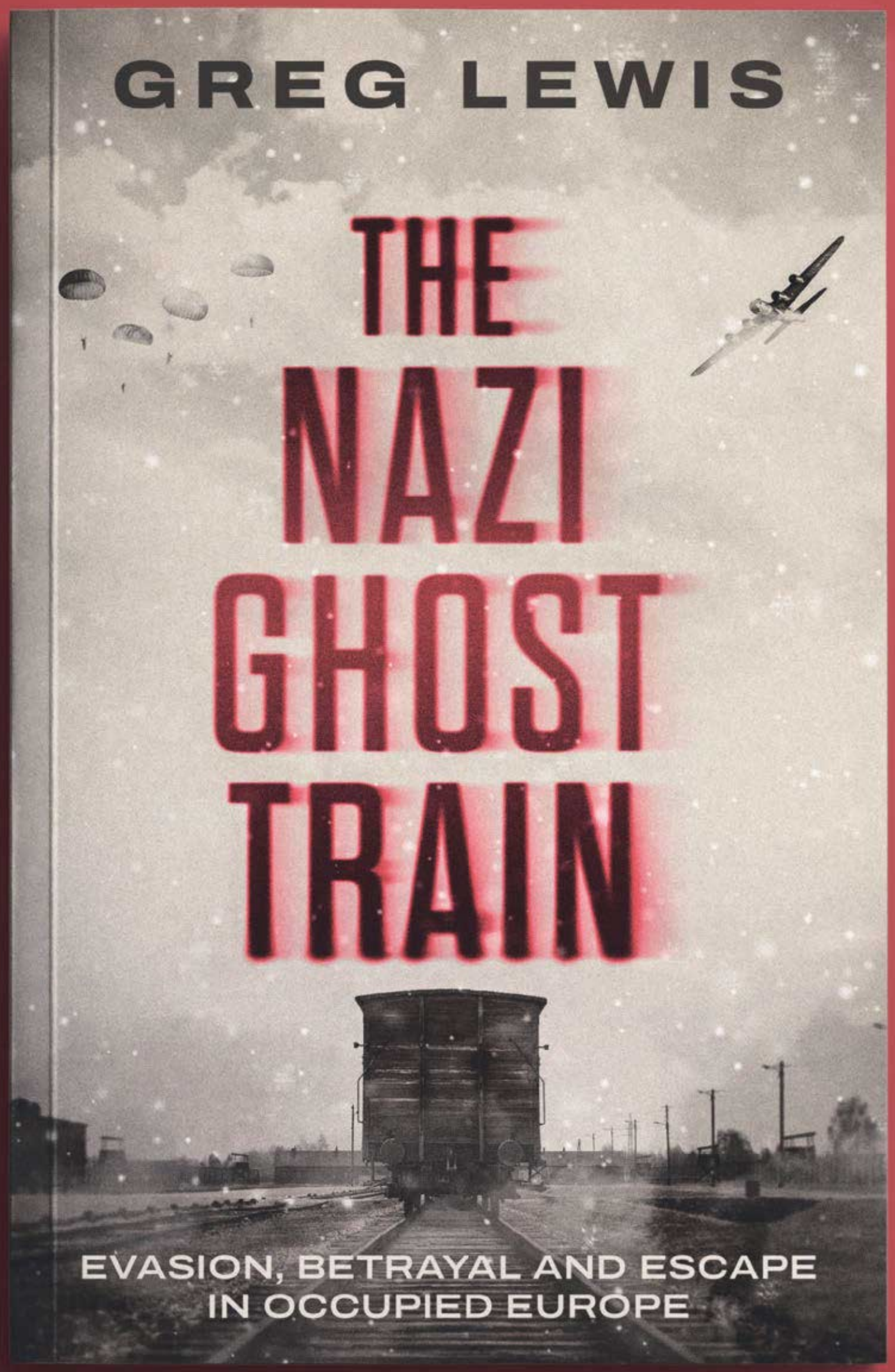
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THE EINSTEIN THEORY

Albert cut to 6-1 for Guineas

By **Melissa Jones**

AIDAN O'BRIEN admits he is in the dark over "rapid" Albert Einstein's ability to see out a mile in the Betfred 2,000 Guineas.

The unbeaten juvenile was cut to 6-1 favourite (from 10-1) by William Hill yesterday after it was confirmed he would head the Ballydoyle challenge at Newmarket on May 2.

Not seen since winning a pair of six furlong races in May, with an injury halting Royal Ascot aspirations, Albert Einstein has been praised by O'Brien for the speed he shows on the gallops.

A trip to the Curragh in a fortnight will be the son of Wootton Bassett and five-furlong maiden scorer Yet's final piece of work, before he chases a first win for his record 10 title-holding trainer since Magna Grecia in 2019.

"We won't know if he's going to get the mile until we do it," O'Brien, above, said.

"The minute the gates open he is rapid, he just lands running. He's powerful, wide, strong – and has done very well physically."

❐ DAVID PIPE has paid tribute to Aintree record-holder Vieux Lion Rouge, who has died after a battle with colic at age 17.

The chestnut carried the green and red livery of Caroline Tisdall in 11 runs around the iconic course – jumping 254 fences and contesting the Grand National five times.

Part-owned by John Gent, he had been enjoying his retirement since 2022 and was due to parade before this year's big race on April 11.

"He was a horse of a lifetime," Pipe said. "You could see the twinkle in his eye when he stepped out of the lorry."

❐ AINTREE, Cheltenham and Epsom are courses earmarked for a share of £100million from the Jockey Club's new deal with Compass Group.

CLASSIC WORRY Aidan O'Brien has doubts over Albert Einstein seeing out a mile

Veteran Arthur's can be king at Wetherby

By **The Scout** (Melissa Jones)

BETS on ARTHUR'S QUAY (2.37) are fancied to land in the racingtv.com Handicap Chase at Wetherby this afternoon.

Ben Haslam's six-time winner over fences is the oldest member of the field at the age of 12 – but don't let that put you off.

Rated once as high as 132, Arthur's Quay is down to a mark of 116 – and he was beaten only a neck off 2lb higher at Newcastle in October.

He raced in last before just failing with his late run and the make-up of today's contest suggests there should be enough pace for jockey Richie McLernon, below, to execute similar tactics.

KALHANDRION (3.47, nb) is expected to make a bold bid to lead all the way in the Watch Racing TV In Stunning HD Novices' Handicap Chase.

At Exeter, DUTCH CORNER (1.45, trb) has an easier task than when taking on above-average types Sober Glory, Mossy Fen Road and Mondo Man in the Oddschecker Maiden Hurdle.

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THE SCOUT

2.02 Sallyville Lady
2.37 ARTHUR'S QUAY (nap)
3.12 Ice Jet
3.47 KALHANDRION (nb)
4.22 Into The Park
4.55 L'unique Allen

2.02 MARES' 'NH' MAIDEN HURDLE £5,446 (Class 4)2m 3f 154yds (7 dec)

1	93222P	**BIGLESISBACK (35) (T)** L Russell & M Scudamore 6 11-6	**D R Fox**	★116
2	1	**GIRL FRIDAY (142) (F)** M & D Easterby 5 11-6	**P W Wadge**	–
3	U7	**I HEARD A RUMOUR (24)** D Skelton 5 11-6	**C J Todd**	92
4	321	**JOAN'S CHOICE (92) (T)** N Mulholland 6 11-6	**B Harris(3)**	–
5	09L5	**KHALEESI QUEEN (14)** M Hammond 6 11-6	**J Thompson(5)**	91
6	12-18P8	**ROYAL MAGGS (14)** M Walford 6 11-6	**J Hamilton**	70
7	1-323	● **SALLYVILLE LADY (41)** D Skelton 6 11-6	**T Durrell**	114

HOOD: Nos. 4, 6.

SP FORECAST: 11-8 Sallyville Lady, 5-2 Joan's Choice, 10-3 Biglesisback, 7 Girl Friday, 20 I Heard A Rumour, 33 Khaleesi Queen, 66 Royal Maggs.

2025: Audacious Annie 6-11-6, Gavin Sheehan 6-4 Fav (J Snowden), 12 ran.

2.37 RACINGTV.COM HANDICAP CHASE £6,337 (4) 2m 3f 85yds (7)

1	L-52651	**GERYVILLE (54) (C&D,F)** M Hammond 10 12-2	**C O'Farrell**	120
2	232131	**NO BUT I WILL (86) (C)** J S Smith 9 11-10	**L Harrison**	119
3	55L233	● **ARTHUR'S QUAY (106) (D)** B Haslam 12 11-10	**R McLernon**	★128
4	34-3232	**WILLIAM CODY (27)** Mrs P Sly 9 11-9	**J Andrews**	122
5	16-83PL	**RATH GAUL HILL (18)** S Drinkwater 8 11-7	**S Bowen**	125
6	P432-LP	**CLONAKILTY (52)** Lizzie Quinlan 9 11-1	**Sean Quinlan**	127
7	6-75226	**EMPTY NEST (19) (C&D)** M Walford 8 10-2	**J Hamilton**	126

BLINKERS: Nos. 1, 5 VISOR: No. 2 TONGUE STRAP: Nos. 3, 5, 6, 7 CHEEK PIECES: Nos. 4, 6.

SP FORECAST: 13-8 Geryville, 7-2 William Cody, 9-2 No But I Will, 7 Arthur's Quay, 8 Rath Gaul Hill, 10 Empty Nest, 20 Clonakilty.

2025: Do Your Job 11-11-2, Lilly Pinchin 10-1 (C Longsdon), 5 ran.

TRACK FACTS: GOING: Good to Soft. Left Handed. **TOP TRACK JOCKEY (2021-26):** Jamie Hamilton 16% Strike rate. **TOP TRACK TRAINER (2021-26):** D Skelton 28% Strike rate. **BEATEN FAVOURITES:** 4.22 Buzz Iceclear(hcp hdl). **LONGEST TRAVELLER: Into The Park** (4.22) 248 miles.

3.12 HANDICAP HURDLE £3,697 (5) 2m (11)

1	U-3653P	**SWEEPER SYSTEM (54) (T)** S Allwood 6 12-0	**T Bellamy**	93
2	2P/LLP8	**JUSTUS (24) (D)** M Hammond 8 11-10	**J Thompson(5)**	83
3	6772	**ROLAND GARROS (15)** Hayley Burton 5 11-10	**J Quinlan**	93
4	65567/7	**GOLDEN MILLIE (24) (T)** Dan Horsford 8 11-7	**J J Burke**	79
5	5LP-47L	**MYSTICAL MARTIKA (97) (T)** L Russell & M Scudamore 5 11-6	**D R Fox**	91
6	2131DL	**CAWTHORNE BANKER (75) (D)** J & A O'Neill 8 11-3	**Jonjo O'Neill Jr**	101
7	422LP0	**KOPA KILANA (109)** Samantha & Jacqueline Coward 9 11-2	**S Bowen**	★104
8	5LL531	**BERRY EDGE (19) (C&D,F)** D Thompson 8 11-0	**Sean Quinlan**	100
9	677	**ASHDOWN FOREST (54)** J O'Keeffe 4 10-11	**Craig Nichol**	90
10	44P46	**BIG LOVE (21)** M & D Easterby 4 10-8	**J Hamilton**	92
11	79L	● **ICE JET (121)** D Skelton 4 10-5	**T Durrell**	88

BLINKERS: No. 2 TONGUE STRAP: Nos. 3, 7, 8, 11 CHEEK PIECES: No. 8 HOOD: No. 4.

SP FORECAST: 2 Berry Edge, 4 Ice Jet, 8 Cawthorne Banker, Ashdown Forest, Roland Garros, 10 Mystical Martika, 12 Big Love, Golden Millie, 20 Others.

2025: No corresponding race.

3.47 NOVICES' HANDICAP CHASE £6,337 (4) 3m 45yds (4)

1	8-132U1	● **KALHANDRION (25) (D)** R Hobson 6 11-10	**C Maggs(3)**	★117
2	175-4L5	**EATON ANNE (32)** O Murphy 8 11-8	**S Bowen**	110
3	P2/344-5	**JACK TO BAT (24)** J & A O'Neill 7 11-7	**Jonjo O'Neill Jr**	72
4	6-47UP1	**THE GREY MAN (16) (D) (T)** H Dickin 7 11-2	**J Best**	116

TONGUE STRAP: No. 1 CHEEK PIECES: Nos. 1, 2, 3.

SP FORECAST: 11-8 Kalhandrion, 2 The Grey Man, 4 Eaton Anne, 6 Jack To Bat.

2025: No corresponding race.

VITAL STATISTICS

IN-FORM TRAINERS (last 10 days) A Watson 71% (2 wins and 3 places from 7 runners), J Mackie 67% (1/3/6), Kerry Lee 60% (3/0/5), R Bandey 57% (2/2/7), C Longsdon 53% (4/5/17), B Haslam 50% (3/1/8), G Boughey 50% (3/1/8), H Fry 50% (3/0/6), J Tickle 50% (2/0/4), Nick Scholfield 50% (2/2/8), R Beckett 50% (1/2/6), W Biddick 50% (1/1/4).

IN-FORM JOCKEYS Freddie Gingell 88% (2 wins and 5 places from 8 runners), Sam James 60% (2/1/5), Colin Keane 54% (2/5/13), Billy Loughnane 51% (13/7/39), C P O'Shea 50% (1/1/4), Hector Crouch 50% (2/4/12), Ryan Kavanagh 50% (3/3/12).

4.22 RACINGTV.COM HANDICAP HURDLE £3,697 (4) 3m 26yds (11)

1	42L45P	**IMPERIAL MERLIN (53) (D)** J & S Quinn 9 12-0	**Sean Quinlan**	121
2	211-L9P	**KAPAL LAYAR (38)** O Murphy 7 12-0	**S Bowen**	122
3	9-24P34	● **INTO THE PARK (21) (T)** P Hobbs & J White 7 12-0	**C Pritchard(3)**	★123
4	47311L	**HEART OVER HEAD (31)** F O'Brien 7 11-13	**J J Burke**	119
5	33-5261	**LIBRE DE CHOEUR (25) (D)** C Boultbee-Brooks 6 11-11	**R Patrick**	117
6	P1/4-41	**HAWTHORN STREET (36)** J & A O'Neill 7 11-8	**Jonjo O'Neill Jr**	121
7	4-34715	**DRAMATIC LICENSE (150)** J Wainwright 6 11-7	**C Bewley**	119
8	L2F442	**TIGER ORCHID (23) (D)** S Edmunds 11 11-6	**C Hammond**	120
9	67-1138	**BUZZ ICECLEAR (47) (C&D)** M Walford 6 11-5	**J Hamilton**	119
10	L12412	**LADRONNE (18)** J Parkinson & S Smith 12 11-4	**O Palmer(7)**	–
11	2-31L63	**RIOJA ALTA (46)** M Hammond 6 10-11	**C O'Farrell**	120

BLINKERS: Nos. 3, 11 TONGUE STRAP: Nos. 2, 4, 10 CHEEK PIECES: Nos. 1, 8.

SP FORECAST: 4 Libre De Choeur, 9-2 Hawthorn Street, 6 Ladronne, 8 Into The Park, 10 Heart Over Head, Tiger Orchid, Kapal Layar, Buzz Iceclear, Imperial Merlin, 12 Others.

2025: No corresponding race.

4.55 NH FLAT RACE (CONDITIONAL/AMATEURS) £2,722 (5) 2m (10)

1	1-1	**MINELLA PREMIER (23)** R Hobson 6 11-9	**C Maggs(3)**	★115
2		**CRICKET HILL DENIS** M Walford 5 11-2	**W Maggs(3)**	–
3		**JOHNS LEGACY** A Crook 5 11-2	**C Rabbitt(3)**	–
4		● **L'UNIQUE ALLEN** O Murphy 5 11-2	**L Saunders(5)**	–
5		**MR MAXIMILLIAN** O Murphy 5 11-2	**Mr J King(3)**	–
6	13	**PEACE BELLE (14) (D)** J Candlish 5 11-2	**L Scott(3)**	109
7	34	**STATIC CHARM (80)** M Hammond 5 11-2	**J Thompson(5)**	107
8		**ZAINS HOPE** N Kent 5 11-2	**T Midgley(3)**	–
9		**RIP IT UP** John Dawson 4 10-6	**T Durrell**	–
10	42	**SUPERIOR QUEEN (28)** G Hanmer 4 10-2	**B Macey(5)**	98

TONGUE STRAP: No. 1.

SP FORECAST: 6-4 Minella Premier, 10-3 Peace Belle, 7 Static Charm, 8 Superior Queen, Mr Maximillian, 12 L'unique Allen, 16 Cricket Hill Denis, 25 Zains Hope, Rip It Up, 50 Johns Legacy.

2025: No corresponding race.

FIRST TIME: 3.12 Ashdown Forest (wind surgery), Ice Jet (wind surgery), 3.47 Jack To Bat (cheek pieces), Eaton Anne (cheek pieces), 4.22 Into The Park (blinkers). **STABLE SWITCH:** 2.02 **Girl Friday** from S Doyle in Ireland to M & D Easterby. 4.22 **Dramatic License** from S Crawford in Ireland to J Wainwright.

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS AND PRICES

FFOS LAS: Soft-heavy in places

2.30—HELLFIRE PRINCESS (B Macey, 4-1) 1; Neeps And Tatties (10-1) 2; Queen Of Steel (5-2 jt fav) 3. H'cap 6 ran. 1¼l, 2¾l. (Kerry Lee; 5-2 jtfav Rest Is The Best). Tote: £5.20; pl £2.50, £3.10. exacta: £34.20. trifecta: £167.10. CSF: £37.62.

3.00—BOSTON JOE (B R Jones, 3-1 2nd fav) 1; El Rojo Grande (9-4 fav) 2; Benignitas (17-2) 3. H'cap 6 ran. ¾l, 2½l. (R Curtis). Tote: £4.00; pl £1.90, £1.60. exacta: £10.40. trifecta: £34.40. CSF: £10.51. Non-runner: Port Or Starboard.

3.30—LON CHANEY (S Bowen, 5-6 fav) 1; Whiskey Yankee (5-4 2nd fav) 2; Soldier For Glory (17-2) 3. 4 ran. 7½l, 27l. (O Murphy). Tote: £1.84; exacta: £2.30. trifecta: £3.00. CSF: £2.34.

4.00—BIG CITY ROLLER (Lilly Pinchin, 17-2) 1; Alfie's Princess (6-1) 2; Face d'Music (5-2 2nd fav) 3. H'cap 8 ran. ½l, hd. (C Longsdon; 11-5 fav Genietoile). Tote: £9.50; pl £2.20, £1.40, £1.60. exacta: £49.80. tricast: £166.70. trifecta: £146.20. CSF: £59.25. Non-runner: Fortunate Man.

4.30—JACK'S JURY (C Pritchard, 9-1) 1; Up To Trix (5-2 fav) 2; Double Click (11-1) 3. H'cap 8 ran. 3½l, 1l. (B T Murphy (IRE)). Tote: £10.00; pl £2.50, £1.40, £3.20. exacta: £42.30. tricast: £255.57. trifecta: £672.60. CSF: £33.07.

5.00—GALATRONA (J J Burke, 10-11 fav) 1; Port And Brandy (5-2 2nd fav) 2; Johnny's Belle (15-2) 3. 5 ran. 9l, 3½l. (C Longsdon). Tote: £1.91; pl £1.10, £1.30. exacta: £3.20. trifecta: £9.10. CSF: £3.59. Non-runner: Diamond White.

Placepot: £109.10
(Race 1) 1, 5; (2) 2, 4; (3) 1; (4) 4, 5, 9; (5) 8, 5, 2; (6) 3, 6.
Quadpot: £11.70

PLUMPTON: Chase: good to soft-good in places; hurdle: good to soft-soft in places

2.15—ESCORT'KHEOPS (K Brogan, 7-4 fav) 1; Viscountess Nelson (85-40 2nd fav) 2; Lola De Magny (11-1) 3. 8 ran. 1l, 13l. (L Horsfall). Tote: £2.75; pl £1.10, £1.40, £3.00. exacta: £6.40. trifecta: £34.60. CSF: £5.86.

2.45—KOOL KID (B J Powell, 11-8 fav) 1; Park Annonciade (4-1) 2; Delpotro (6-1) 3. H'cap 5 ran. 1¼l, 3½l. (J Tizzard). Tote: £2.38; pl £1.20, £1.90. exacta: £6.10. trifecta: £18.20. CSF: £7.11.

3.15—KINGSTON BRESIL (C Maggs, 2-1 2nd fav) 1; Risk It All (6-5 fav) 2; Kill The Groove (17-2) 3. H'cap 8 ran. 15l, nk. (Mrs L Hill). Tote: £3.10; pl £1.30, £1.10, £2.10. exacta: £6.00. tricast: £15.10. trifecta: £24.50. CSF: £5.09. Non-runner: Jacquetta.

3.45—DRAMATIC ENCORE (Paul O'Brien, 6-5 fav) 1; La Marquise (10-3) 2; A Tickatickatiming (11-4 2nd fav) 3. H'cap 4 ran. 1l, 1l. (Harry Derham). Tote: £2.20; exacta: £5.50. trifecta: £8.60. CSF: £5.43.

4.15—FERRET JEETER (C Bament, 10-11 fav) 1; Imperial Pride (10-1) 2; West Orchard (5-1 2nd fav) 3. H'cap 7 ran. 5l, 11l. (A Honeyball). Tote: £1.91; pl £1.10, £3.80. exacta: £8.00. trifecta: £33.40. CSF: £11.07.

4.45—KAP DE TRIOMPHE (J Tudor, 9-1) 1; Ephyra (16-1) 2; Taritino (5-2 2nd fav) 3. H'cap 6 ran. 5½l, 3¾l. (Christian Williams; 11-8 fav Ghasham). Tote: £10.00; pl £3.30, £5.50. exacta: £91.50. trifecta: £414.00. CSF: £109.79. Non-runner: Junior Des Mottes.

5.15—SECRET DES LUNE (S Twiston-Davies, 5-2 2nd fav) 1; Double The Dance (10-11 fav) 2; Getmyfriend (15-2) 3. 5 ran. ½l, 2½l. (Ben Clarke). Tote: £3.50; pl £1.70, £1.10. exacta: £5.70. trifecta: £16.70. CSF: £5.23.

Jackpot: £1,756.80; Placepot: £113.20
(Race 1) 1, 8, 7; (2) 4, 1; (3) 4, 1, 2; (4) 2; (5) 1, 6; (6) 6, 7.
Quadpot: £68.10

WOLVERHAMPTON: Standard

5.30—MAGNETUDE (L Morris, evens fav) 1; Gaelic Approach (7-4 2nd fav) 2; Magician of Riga (9-1) 3. H'cap 5 ran. ½l, 2¼l. (James Owen). Tote: £2.00; pl £1.20, £1.20. exacta: £3.30. trifecta: £9.10. CSF: £3.02.

6.00—DESIDERATA (B Loughnane, 2-1 fav) 1; Will Be King (18-1) 2; Nutcracker (33-1) 3. 12 ran. 1l, 2l. (T Faulkner). Tote: £3.00; pl £1.20, £5.90, £6.20. exacta: £51.10. trifecta: £1674.30. CSF: £42.15.

6.30—MOBBERLEY ROSE (J Mitchell, 11-4 2nd fav) 1; Keep It Cool (200-1) 2; Ted Le Saux (2-5 fav) 3. 6 ran. 5l, 1½l. (R Varian). Tote: £3.75; pl £1.50, £37.60. exacta: £187.00. trifecta: £648.10. CSF: £177.80.

7.00—GALILEO CHARM (R Havlin, 7-2) 1; South Coast Star (12-1) 2; Corniche Girl (13-2) 3. H'cap 11 ran. ½l, nk. (M Botti; 3-1 fav Legacy Rock). Tote: £4.90; pl £1.70, £3.30, £2.60. exacta: £57.10. tricast: £271.90. trifecta: £351.80. CSF: £47.32. Non-runner: Watchdog.

7.30—WATER OF LEITH (B Loughnane, 6-4 fav) 1; Mumayaz (9-2) 2; Twilight Madness (9-1) 3. H'cap 7 ran. 3l, shd. (J Goldie). Tote: £2.50; pl £1.30, £2.50. exacta: £8.40. trifecta: £40.10. CSF: £8.82.

8.00—PHIL'S DREAM (H Doyle, 5-1) 1; Kipp Kelly (10-3 2nd fav) 2; Kento (6-4 fav) 3. 8 ran. 1¼l, ½l. (J McConnell (IRE)). Tote: £6.00; pl £1.40, £1.20, £1.20. exacta: £29.30. trifecta: £68.70. CSF: £21.78. Non-runner: Moonhall Lass.

8.30—TIME TO SPARKLE (J Mitchell, 16-1) 1; Sorted (7-1) 2; Karakula Dancer (2-1 jt fav) 3. H'cap 10 ran. shd, 1¼l. (J Keane; 2-1 jtfav Crimson Rambler). Tote: £23.70; pl £4.70, £1.80, £1.20. exacta: £181.20. tricast: £333.60. trifecta: £1054.50. CSF: £119.43.

Placepot: £83.10
(Race 1) 1, 3; (2) 5, 12, 7; (3) 6, 4; (4) 2, 12, 5; (5) 5, 2; (6) 8, 5, 4;
Quadpot: £23.50

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1.45 ODDSCHECKER MAIDEN HURDLE

£5,446 (Class 4) 2m 161yds (16 declared)

1	654UP0	**AMERICAN TRIO (8)** F O'Brien 5 11-6	**J Hogan**	16
2	938	**BELOW THE BELT (10)** M Comley 5 11-6	**D Bass**	65
3	L-44634	**CONSTELLATION WALK (33)** H Fry 6 11-6	**B Carver**	114
4	3L	**DRUMLEE ORDERS (61)** Kerry Lee 6 11-6	**T Cannon**	19
5	3-33	● **DUTCH CORNER (62)** D Skelton 5 11-6	**H Skelton**	★122
6	33	**ELUSIVE PB (32)** Nick Scholfield 5 11-6	**L Murtagh**	–
7	2237	**I'M WIDE AWAKE (32)** Mrs S Gardner 6 11-6	**Lucy Gardner**	55
8	P	**INKAMAN (42)** J Scott 6 11-6	**L Williams**	–
9	F3253-	**KARPENN (359)** V Williams 5 11-6	**C Deutsch**	–
10	L6/2-L53	**MY BOY AARON (28)** R Stephens 6 11-6	**Sean Houlihan**	119
11	L6P	**PLAY ON COURT (59)** H Dickin 5 11-6	**Miss M Bevan(7)**	–
12	42-5	**SOUTHFIELD FINALE (128)** A Honeyball 6 11-6	**S Twiston-Davies**	118
13	9-	**WOZITWORTHTHEWAIT (600)** J Tickle 7 11-6	**B Godfrey**	–
14	P	**HONEY HAZE (23)** P C Dando 7 10-13	**C Ring**	–
15	2-P0	**MRS PEN (11)** T Dennis 7 10-13	**C Bament(7)**	29
16		**SIGNORE ENZO (F225)** K Bishop 4 10-10	**C Gethings**	–

BLINKERS: No. 11 TONGUE STRAP: Nos. 3, 4, 5, 6, 8
CHEEK PIECES: No. 1 HOOD: Nos. 3, 5, 6.

SP FORECAST: 13-8 Dutch Corner, 7-2 Karpenn, 9-2 Constellation Walk, 6 My Boy Aaron, 15-2 Southfield Finale, 8 Elusive Pb, 14 I'm Wide Awake, 50 Others.

2.20 ODDSCHECKER HANDICAP HURDLE

£4,753 (5) 2m 7f 25yds (18)

1	LLLP4P	**THE JAM MAN (23) (D)** R Potter 13 12-0	**S Twiston-Davies**	54
2	42463-2	**LOKI'S MISCHIEF (130)** Chester Williams 6 12-0	**H Cobden**	★104
3	01PL-56	**LOOKING FOR LARRY (31) (C)** T Dennis 8 12-0	**Mr J Bament(7)**	100
4	62-143	**JURASSIC PET (23) (F)** S Bradstock 6 12-0	**Miss L Bradstock(7)**	99
5	L14-LLP	**TARBUCK (52)** C Dyson 8 11-10	**Lee Edwards**	78
6	22-2115	● **SPECIAL JOHN (58)** S Thomas 7 11-9	**M Griffiths**	97
7	65891U	**LOCAL DERBY (23)** C Gordon 6 11-7	**F Gordon**	103
8	85-7L63	**POP'S FOLLY (16)** G Nicholls 6 11-7	**F Lambert(3)**	97
9	821424	**SQUARE DU ROULE (59) (C)** N Hawke 6 11-5	**J M Davies**	102
10	34-P2PP	**SHOT BOII (33) (D)** D Pipe 9 11-5	**R Corcoran(7)**	–
11	L473-4L	**DESSIE HAZE (49)** P C Dando 8 11-4	**C Ring**	98
12	P44L14	**BREDON HILL DART (11) (C)** Mrs S Gardner 7 11-3	**C P O'Shea(7)**	101
13	PP-323L	**KLERVIA (256)** F O'Brien 6 11-2	**T Broughton(5)**	95
14	F4L4L3	**BLUE IN THE WEST (11)** B Lund 9 11-2	**Shane Quinlan(3)**	97
15	LL2023	**WATCHOUTITSCOOKIE (25)** N Hawke 8 10-8	**Murray Dodd(7)**	102
16	LLL4L5	**MOONLIGHT ARTIST (31) (C&D)** J Tizzard 8 10-4	**B J Powell**	102
17	P-55896	**I LOVE YOU SIVOLA (65)** Mrs H Nelmes 8 10-2	**Charlie Price**	96
18	P6P-P69	**ELFRIDE (76) (D)** R Phillips 10 10-2	**Harry Atkins(7)**	71

VISOR: Nos. 10, 17 TONGUE STRAP: Nos. 4, 10, 16, 17, 18
CHEEK PIECES: Nos. 6, 16, 18.

SP FORECAST: 9-2 Special John, 5 Local Derby, 11-2 Loki's Mischief, 13-2 Square Du Roule, 10 Blue In The West, Watchoutitscookie, Bredon Hill Dart, 12 Others.

TRACK FACTS: GOING: Good to Soft. Right Handed.

2.55 ODDSCHECKER HANDICAP HURDLE

£6,073 (4) 2m 5f 137yds (11)

1	13/521-7	**PYLEIGH MASTER (101)** N Hawke 7 12-2	**Miss E Herbison(7)**	107
2	P-70656	**SON OF HYPNOS (F148)** R Chapman 9 11-11	**Mr Jack Stenhouse(7)**	114
3	444113	**ETON MES (25)** D Pipe 5 11-11	**R Corcoran(7)**	114
4	3-233	**FIRM BUT FAIR (43)** Harry Derham 5 11-11	**Paul O'Brien**	111
5	1/9-3L	**ALLSTITCHEDUP (118)** D Pipe 7 11-9	**J Tudor**	106
6	634236	**ASTRONOMIC VIEW (20)** Mrs S Gardner 9 11-9	**Lucy Gardner**	–
7	3/6573-L	**GEORGE HENRY (86)** P Nicholls 7 11-6	**Olive Nicholls(5)**	112
8	22-2415	**RI NA CUIRTE (97) (C)** Ben Clarke 8 11-6	**S Twiston-Davies**	111
9	P6L722	**MADAJOVY (36)** D Skelton 6 11-3	**H Skelton**	115
10	31-1112	● **NOBLE BLUE (25)** K Woollacott 8 11-0	**Mr J Newman(5)**	116
11	3/L3232	**SNAPDANCE (19)** R Walford 7 10-13	**H Kimber**	★118

VISOR: No. 8 TONGUE STRAP: Nos. 5, 7
CHEEK PIECES: Nos. 2, 6, 7, 9 HOOD: No. 11.

SP FORECAST: 4 Madajovy, 5 Noble Blue, 11-2 Eton Mes, 13-2 Snapdance, Firm But Fair, 10 Pyleigh Master, Allstitchedup, Ri Na Cuirte, 12 Others.

3.30 ODDSCHECKER HANDICAP CHASE

£6,601 (4) 2m 3f 48yds (5)

1	P234L3	**SHERBORNE (19) (C&D)** J Tizzard 10 11-8	**F Gingell**	117
2	0P2-612	● **BONZA BOY (31) (C&D)** J Scott 9 11-8	**L Williams**	★120
3	1231/41-	**FIRST ANGEL (423)** M Keighley 10 11-8	**J Bowen**	–
4	P1-L2PL	**CAPTAIN BOUDET (42) (C&D)** J Scott 7 11-7	**R Dingle**	119
5	7-F414U	**SAINT CYR DE PAIL (11) (C&D)** Mrs J Williams 7 11-2	**C Gethings**	113

TONGUE STRAP: Nos. 1, 4, 5 CHEEK PIECES: Nos. 2, 4.

SP FORECAST: 5-2 First Angel, 11-4 Bonza Boy, 7-2 Saint Cyr De Pail, 9-2 Captain Boudet, 11-2 Sherborne.

4.05 NOVICES' HANDICAP CHASE

£5,017 (5) 3m 54yds (13)

1	546-U45	● **DYNO DAVE (27)** N Henderson 8 12-0	**J Bowen**	95
2	LP-1114	**GETAWAY KING (22)** F O'Brien 8 11-9	**T Broughton(5)**	101
3	5P5-12L	**GIRLS BEST FRIEND (46)** V Williams 7 11-6	**C Deutsch**	102
4	3P-684P	**TECH THAT (29)** R Phillips 7 11-4	**F Lambert(3)**	–
5	1-P4PP2	**THE MOONLIGHT MAN (16)** J Tickle 7 11-3	**L Williams**	86
6	34L235	**STORMING NELSON (11)** Mrs S Gardner 7 11-2	**Lucy Gardner**	★106
7	P/3-853L	**ITALIAN SPIRIT (21)** H Dickin 10 11-1	**Miss M Bevan(7)**	96
8	778-76P	**THICKTHORN TOM (76)** D Skelton 6 10-13	**H Skelton**	–
9	P-PL411	**VOLEUR DE TERRES (25) (D)** C Dyson 8 10-7	**Lee Edwards**	101
10	5L6-P6L	**ARCTIC STREAM (25)** R Bandey 9 10-6	**N Fox(3)**	87
11	LP-4LP2	**STEAL THE MOVES (25)** Mrs E Bishop 6 10-5	**Lilly Pinchin**	105
12	7PP-PFP	**ALDERLEY CHARLIE (11)** P Gundry 6 10-2	**Tabitha Worsley(3)**	–
13	LL/7P4-L	**SANS OF GOLD (20)** J Frost 8 10-2	**R Dingle**	65

BLINKERS: Nos. 7, 13 TONGUE STRAP: Nos. 2, 5, 6, 13
CHEEK PIECES: Nos. 8, 10, 11, 12.

SP FORECAST: 7-4 Voleur De Terres, 9-2 Steal The Moves, Getaway King, 11-2 Girls Best Friend, 10 Dyno Dave, Storming Nelson, 20 Others.

TOP TRACK JOCKEY (2021-26): Harry Cobden 25% Strike rate. **TOP TRACK TRAINER (2021-26):** P Nicholls 26% Strike rate. **BEATEN FAVOURITES:** 2.20 Local Derby(hcp hdl), Special John(hcp ch), Square Du Roule(hcp hdl). 2.55 Eton Mes(hcp hdl), Noble Blue(hcp hdl), Snapdance(hcp hdl). 3.30 Saint Cyr De Pail(hcp ch). 4.05 Getaway King(hcp ch). 4.40 Fine Tuning. 5.13 Yippee Ki Yay.

THE SCOUT

1.45 **DUTCH CORNER**
2.20 **Special John**
2.55 **Noble Blue**
3.30 **Bonza Boy**
4.05 **Dyno Dave**
4.40 **Ink Black Heart**
5.13 **Macklin**

4.40 EXETER OPEN NH FLAT RACE

£2,178 (5) 2m 161yds (10)

1	P1	**EASTERN ROCK (164) (F)** E Lavelle 5 11-5	**B R Jones**	–
2	2	**FINE TUNING (61)** A Honeyball 5 11-5	**S Twiston-Davies**	104
3	4-2	● **INK BLACK HEART (80)** D Skelton 5 11-5	**H Skelton**	★105
4	5-0	**KEEP OFF THE SUGAR (12)** J Frost 5 11-5	**R Dingle**	97
5	8	**LINGERING GLANCE (61)** J Scott 5 11-5	**L Williams**	87
6		**MIGHTY ZEUS** P Hobbs & J White 5 11-5	**Sean Houlihan**	–
7		**RIVER KWAI** P Nicholls 5 11-5	**H Cobden**	–
8	L7	**I'LLHAVEABITOFTHAT (76)** C Honour 5 10-12	**B Carver**	77
9		**PORTH MEAR** R Chapman 6 10-12	**Mr Jack Stenhouse(7)**	–
10	0	**NEW VIRGINIA (20)** N Hawke 4 10-2	**J M Davies**	66

TONGUE STRAP: No. 2 HOOD: Nos. 4, 9.

SP FORECAST: 13-8 Ink Black Heart, 5-2 Fine Tuning, 7-2 River Kwai, 7 Eastern Rock, 12 Mighty Zeus, 20 Lingering Glance, 33 I'llhaveabitofthat, 50 Others.

5.13 OPEN HUNTERS' CHASE

£2,566 (5) 3m 54yds (12)

1	P4322-1	**ENQARDE (21) (D)** Mrs D Plunkett 12 12-6	**Miss Molly Armytage(7)**	113
2	PL6P1P	**THEFORMISMIGHTY (17)** D Skelton 9 12-6	**Miss H Palin**	113
3	6LU-123	**YIPPEE KI YAY (17) (C&D)** Mrs N Sheppard 8 12-6	**Mr I Herbert(7)**	89
4	11-13P2	**CRAWTER (16)** Mrs Harriet Waight 7 12-2	**Mr P Barlow(3)**	114
5	02-U7P6	**D'JANGO (16) (D)** Miss V Collins 13 12-2	**Mr Lucas Murphy(7)**	–
6	3-214L2	**GATEAU DE MIEL (20) (D)** Myles Osborne 10 12-2	**Mr Thomas Stanley(7)**	114
7	32PL-42	**HAVEN'T TIME (33) (D)** Miss S McQueen 12 12-2	**Miss L M Turner**	116
8	1/221-31	● **MACKLIN (23)** W Biddick 10 12-2	**Mr J Newman**	★123
9	11/1P-P3	**MR GLASS (20)** Deborah Treneer 10 12-2	**Mr M Treneer(7)**	102
10	23P/44-3	**REVELS HILL (33)** Mrs J Boucher 11 11-12	**Mr D Andrews(3)**	107
11	3PF32-5	**WINDANCE (16)** M Sweetland 11 11-12	**Mr Jack Stenhouse(7)**	96
12	611-1UP	**FOR RITA (17)** Miss A Henry 13 11-5	**Miss A S Henry(7)**	–

TONGUE STRAP: Nos. 2, 5, 6, 9, 11 CHEEK PIECES: Nos. 2, 3, 4, 8, 10.

SP FORECAST: 3 Macklin, 5 Theformismighty, 11-2 Crawter, 7 Enqarde, 8 Gateau De Miel, 10 Haven't Time, 12 Revels Hill, 14 Yippee Ki Yay, Mr Glass, 20 Others.

FIRST TIME: 1.45 Play On Court (blinkers), Karpenn (wind surgery), Drumlee Orders (tongue strap), 2.20 Special John (cheek pieces), Elfride (wind surgery), 2.55 George Henry (cheek pieces, tongue strap), Allstitchedup (wind surgery), Ri Na Cuirte (visor), 4.05 Italian Spirit (blinkers), Sans Of Gold (blinkers, tongue strap), 4.40 Porth Mear (hood), Keep Off The Sugar (hood), 5.13 Macklin (cheek pieces). **LONGEST TRAVELLER: Arctic Stream** (4.05) 181 miles. **STABLE SWITCH:** 1.45 **Karpenn** from J Delaunay in France to V Williams. 2.20 **Klervia** from F Brennan to F O'Brien. 2.55 **Son Of Hypnos** from K Smith in Ireland to R Chapman. 4.40 **Eastern Rock** from S Curling in Ireland to E Lavelle. 5.13 **Mr Glass** from P Nicholls to Deborah Treneer.

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4.28 NOVICE STAKES

£5,400 (Class 4)1m 142yds (7 declared)

1	(6)	1-	● **NOBODY KNOWS (178) (F)** R Hughes 3 9-7	**F Marsh**	★88
2	(5)		**MICK THE HAT** R Beckett 3 9-0	**H Crouch**	–
3	(7)		**MR MAXIM** J Butler 3 9-0	**L Morris**	–
4	(1)	L-	**MY MATE MACKLEY (104)** Adam Kirby 3 9-0	**T Heard**	21
5	(2)		**REGULUS BLACK** H Palmer 3 9-0	**D Probert**	–
6	(4)	3	**SINTRA (41)** A Balding 3 9-0	**C T Keane**	81
7	(3)		**THE ANTHONY GOVER** Dr R Newland & J Insole 3 9-0	**Rossa Ryan**	–

SP FORECAST: 10-11 Nobody Knows, 11-4 Sintra, 4 Mick The Hat, 12 Regulus Black, 20 The Anthony Gover, 50 Mr Maxim, 150 My Mate Mackley.

5.00 RESTRICTED NOVICE STAKES

£5,400 (4) 7f 36yds (5)

1	(2)	31-	**CABALLO GRANDE (137) (F)** M Bell 3 9-8	**H Crouch**	★86
2	(5)		**FLORIZELLE** E Smyth-Osbourne 3 8-10	**R Hornby**	–
3	(1)	6-4	**GLASGOW KISS (17)** H Palmer 3 8-10	**D Probert**	79
4	(4)	3-	● **LAHAN KINGMAN (224)** R Hughes 3 8-10	**B Loughnane**	81
5	(3)	4	**LEONIE (15)** A Balding 3 8-8	**N Currie**	84

TONGUE STRAP: No. 5.

SP FORECAST: 15-8 Lahan Kingman, 9-4 Caballo Grande, 7-2 Glasgow Kiss, 4 Leonie, 33 Florizelle.

5.30 HANDICAP (DIV 1)

£4,711 (6) 7f 36yds (11)

1	(8)	23-3042	**AL HOFZAN (14)** G Nicholls 4 9-9	**Harry Vigors(7)**	74
2	(7)	8306-6L	**TERRIES ROYALE (15)** A Carroll 6 9-8	**A Rawlinson**	71
3	(1)	1197-L3	**WHITE UMBRELLA (15) (C&D)** C Kellett 7 9-8	**J Hart**	73
4	(3)	23-7109	**CILL MOCHEALLOG (25) (D)** D Ivory 5 9-8	**J F Egan**	74
5	(11)	00/LL76-	**CARAGIO (92) (D)** Adam Kirby 6 9-7	**T Heard**	68
6	(2)	508812-	**SOFIAN (189) (D)** Mrs N Evans 4 9-7	**K O'Neill**	71
7	(10)	302-452	● **YEHUDI (34)** M Loughnane 4 9-6	**B Loughnane**	75
8	(5)	167L-8L	**ORBITAL CHIME (30)** James Owen 6 9-6	**C Fallon**	69
9	(4)	326-553	**GOOD KARMA (14) (C&D)** J Riches 6 9-2	**S B Kirrane**	73
10	(9)	6L3892	**SIMPLY BLUE (4) (C&D,F)** James Owen 4 8-13	**P Bradley**	★76
11	(6)	549-976	**SWISS ACE (26) (D)** R Carr 8 8-11	**JP Sullivan**	70

BLINKERS: Nos. 4, 10 TONGUE STRAP: Nos. 4, 7 CHEEK PIECES: Nos. 1, 3, 7.

SP FORECAST: 4 Yehudi, 9-2 Al Hofzan, 5 Simply Blue, 6 Sofian, 8 Good Karma, White Umbrella, 12 Cill Mocheallog, 14 Terries Royale, Orbital Chime, 16 Others.

TRACK FACTS: GOING: Standard. Left Handed. **TOP TRACK JOCKEY (2021-26):** Billy Loughnane 19% Strike rate. **TOP TRACK TRAINER (2021-26):** A Carroll 10% Strike rate. **FIRST TIME:** 6.00 Amelia's Joy (cheek pieces, hood), 6.30 Keeper Of Secrets (cheek pieces), 7.00 Marisitta (hood), Pacific Prince (hood), 7.30 Akabusi (tongue strap), Fortification (blinkers), 8.30 Masqool (visor). **BEATEN FAVOURITES:** 4.28 Sintra. 7.00 Marinakis. 7.30 Dark Angel Star, Fortification(hcp). 8.00 Faithful Dream(hcp). 8.30 Danehill Star(hcp), Galaxy Wonder(hcp). **DRAW:** Little effect.

GOSSIP FROM THE GALLOPS

North: GERYVILLE (2.37 Wetherby)
Midlands: INK BLACK HEART (4.40 Exeter)
Lambourn: NOBODY KNOWS (4.28 Wolverhampton)
Cotswolds: MINELLA PREMIER (4.55 Wetherby)

THE SCOUT

4.28 **Nobody Knows**
5.00 **Lahan Kingman**
5.30 **Yehudi**
6.00 **Pickersgill**
6.30 **Balqaa**
7.00 **Lady Delila**
7.30 **Dark Angel Star**
8.00 **Saxon Grace**
8.30 **Eutropia**

6.00 HANDICAP (DIV 2)

£4,711 (6) 7f 36yds (11)

1	(2)	5157-8L	**LUCKY MAN (14) (C)** J Candlish 7 9-9	**D Keenan**	65
2	(4)	L/L1-259	**LANDLORDTOTHESTARS (14) (C&D)** H Evans 6 9-8	**J Leavy**	73
3	(1)	62L2-56	**CRYSTAL DAGGER (7)** Joey Ramsden 4 9-8	**F Marsh**	72
4	(10)	3-64246	**KING DAVID (17) (D,F)** G Kelleway 5 9-7	**L Morris**	★77
5	(8)	6-42121	**BOMB SQUAD (4) (C&D)** J Mackie 8 9-7(4ex)	**R Kavanagh(5)**	71
6	(11)	611725	**POKE THE BEAR (17) (D)** Hayley Burton 4 9-6	**T Heard**	76
7	(9)	0900-47	● **PICKERSGILL (31) (T)** I Jardine 4 9-6	**L Edmunds**	74
8	(5)	24-L424	**PUNCHBOWL FLYER (4)** J G O'Shea 9 9-6	**T Langley(5)**	72
9	(6)	351123	**RAMON DI LORIA (4) (C&D,F) (T)** Ewan Whillans 8 9-1	**G Fairley**	74
10	(3)	L54-772	**AMELIA'S JOY (13)** M Herrington 4 9-0	**J Hart**	74
11	(7)	67-7132	**VON KROLOCK (6) (C&D)** James Owen 7 8-9	**C Shepherd**	74

BLINKERS: Nos. 1, 4, 8 VISOR: No. 11 TONGUE STRAP: Nos. 4, 6
CHEEK PIECES: Nos. 5, 10 HOOD: No. 10.

SP FORECAST: 9-2 Bomb Squad, 5 Von Krolock, Ramon Di Loria, 15-2 King David, Poke The Bear, Amelia's Joy, 8 Punchbowl Flyer, 12 Others.

6.30 CLASSIFIED STAKES (DIV 1)

£3,140 (6) 1m 1f 104yds (9)

1	(5)	L-52272	**AL SHABAB (14)** P Evans 5 9-9	**Rossa Ryan**	★59
2	(1)	09-3451	**ARLECCHINO'S REX (14) (C&D,F)** M Usher 4 9-9	**Jason Watson**	57
3	(9)	94-8256	● **BALQAA (34)** T Culhane & S Barclay 8 9-9	**J Hart**	55
4	(8)	7/4-L448	**COME TO PASS (33)** A Carroll 7 9-9	**W Carson**	54
5	(4)	20610-L	**DORS DELIGHT (57)** D Ivory 5 9-9	**D Probert**	58
6	(3)	/L0-884	**KEEPER OF SECRETS (12)** I Williams 5 9-9	**B Loughnane**	51
7	(2)	051L33	**MAN IS KING (7)** D Flood 7 9-9	**L Morris**	56
8	(6)	8LL/97-9	**MORNING SUIT (7)** P McEntee 5 9-9	**Grace McEntee**	31
9	(7)	755756	**TRUSTY SCOUT (7) (C,D)** D Shaw 8 9-9	**D Keenan**	49

TONGUE STRAP: Nos. 5, 7, 8 CHEEK PIECES: Nos. 4, 6, 9 HOOD: Nos. 2, 5.

SP FORECAST: 7-4 Arlecchino's Rex, 5-2 Al Shabab, 5 Man Is King, 10 Balqaa, 12 Trusty Scout, 14 Keeper Of Secrets, Come To Pass, 16 Others.

7.00 CLASSIFIED STAKES (DIV 2)

£3,140 (6) 1m 1f 104yds (8)

1	(4)	0-87L47	**CELEBRATING ETHEL (5) (D)** A Carroll 7 9-9	**Rossa Ryan**	55
2	(1)	8855/L9	**FRONTPAGEMOOS (7)** Joe Ponting 5 9-9	**K O'Neill**	41
3	(8)	4L5-733	● **LADY DELILA (12) (T)** I Jardine 6 9-9	**M Tabti(5)**	53
4	(7)	45-9153	**MARINAKIS (37) (C&D)** I Williams 6 9-9	**R Kavanagh(5)**	★56
5	(3)	7479-47	**MARISITTA (22)** J G O'Shea 6 9-9	**W Carson**	46
6	(2)	LL99-L0	**PACIFIC PRINCE (35)** J Bennett 5 9-9	**Laura Coughlan(3)**	52
7	(6)	3306-56	**SAVED LIZZIE (34) (F)** J Butler 6 9-9	**S D Bowen**	51
8	(5)	LOL3-L9	**SUNSET IN PARIS (55) (C&D)** J R Jenkins 8 9-9	**J Peate**	54

CHEEK PIECES: Nos. 1, 3, 4 HOOD: Nos. 5, 6.

SP FORECAST: 13-8 Marinakis, 15-8 Lady Delila, 10 Saved Lizzie, 12 Marisitta, 14 Sunset In Paris, Celebrating Ethel, Pacific Prince, Frontpagemoos.

7.30 BET 10 GET 40 WITH BETMGM HCAP 3YO

£4,972 (4) 5f 21yds (10)

1	(3)	19158-	**DANEH OF DANDY (179) (D)** J Tate 9-10	**H Crouch**	84
2	(6)	305163-	**TEMPLE OF ATHENA (158) (D)** B Ellison 9-8	**B Robinson**	85
3	(8)	156-119	**HENRYTHENATE (18) (C&D)** S C Williams 9-5	**M Ghiani**	88
4	(2)	321-32	**FORTIFICATION (28) (C&D,F)** A Watson 9-4	**James Doyle**	89
5	(9)	21660-	**BLUE ORBIT (209) (D)** Dr R Newland & J Insole 9-3	**Rossa Ryan**	86
6	(1)	4312-	● **DARK ANGEL STAR (159) (D)** J Tate 9-3	**C Shepherd**	83
7	(7)	2L4-211	**ALASRAE (13) (C)** G Boughey 9-1	**B Loughnane**	★90
8	(4)	22158-4	**DUSKAURA (28) (D)** A Carroll 9-1	**W Carson**	79
9	(5)	L31522-	**AKABUSI (76) (C)** M Murphy 9-1	**D Keenan**	88
10	(10)	350149-	**ARTISTA (159) (D)** Ollie Sangster 9-0	**S James**	84

BLINKERS: Nos. 4, 9 TONGUE STRAP: Nos. 3, 7, 9.

SP FORECAST: 3 Alasrae, 4 Dark Angel Star, 11-2 Akabusi, 13-2 Fortification, Temple Of Athena, 10 Henrythenate, Daneh Of Dandy, 12 Artista, 20 Others.

8.00 HANDICAP 3YO

£3,140 (6) 6f 20yds (12)

1	(10)	815-741	**THE TUNGUSKA EVENT (35) (D)** J & S Quinn 9-9	**Doubtful**	–
2	(2)	60-5242	**FAITHFUL DREAM (15)** M Appleby 9-9	**Rossa Ryan**	65
3	(12)	167L-85	**RUNAMARA (24) (D)** J & R Flint 9-8	**C Bishop**	63
4	(7)	747-164	**LUNA BEAUX (17) (C&D)** A Wintle 9-8	**F Marsh**	★69
5	(5)	23291L	**MADEMOISELLE BELLE (5) (F)** B Ellison 9-8	**B Robinson**	65
6	(11)	75-7	**IN DENIAL (22)** M Loughnane 9-6	**B Loughnane**	60
7	(9)	L08930-	● **SAXON GRACE (118) (T)** D Bourke 9-6	**J Hart**	60
8	(4)	36459-6	**BAILEYS ONTHEROCKS (38)** A Carroll 9-5	**Jack Doughty**	64
9	(6)	0803-98	**TELLING TIME (20)** C Longsdon 9-1	**R Hornby**	68
10	(1)	LLL4-3	**A LOTT OF KANE (62)** C Banham 8-9	**J Haynes**	63
11	(3)	566-L5	**BACKFIRE (10)** S Dixon 8-9	**K O'Neill**	62
12	(8)	6L5L4-	**DANCE HELLO (139)** C Kellett 8-9	**JP Sullivan**	59

VISOR: No. 1 CHEEK PIECES: No. 5.

SP FORECAST: 5-2 Faithful Dream, 7-2 A Lott Of Kane, 5 Mademoiselle Belle, 6 Luna Beaux, 10 In Denial, 16 Runamara, Baileys Ontherocks, Telling Time, 25 Others.

8.30 HANDICAP

£3,140 (6) 1m 142yds (12)

1	(4)	32451L	**PALLAS LORD (5) (T)** D Whillans 8 9-9	**J Hart**	70
2	(7)	167L-89	**HAVANA TOUCH (45)** J Butler 5 9-9	**S D Bowen**	61
3	(11)	5751-36	**KING OF SPEED (32) (C&D)** M Loughnane 7 9-9	**B Loughnane**	70
4	(2)	558-442	**MASQOOL (12) (C&D)** A Carroll 8 9-8	**D Costello**	67
5	(8)	75L0-L2	**PHAEDRA (7)** Joey Ramsden 4 9-8	**L Edmunds**	72
6	(10)	L4640-L	**MERAPI (17)** Michael Keady 4 9-8	**D Keenan**	70
7	(6)	474-673	**AMBER HONEY (18) (C&D,F)** E Dunlop 4 9-7	**C Fallon**	68
8	(5)	31-4323	**GALAXY WONDER (12) (C&D)** A Carroll 4 9-7	**Rossa Ryan**	68
9	(9)	0-39152	**DANEHILL STAR (12) (C&D)** A Carroll 5 9-6	**L Morris**	68
10	(3)	65-3331	● **EUTROPIA (12)** A Wintle 4 9-5	**F Marsh**	67
11	(1)	064-274	**KNIGHTMARE (36)** P Evans 4 9-5	**Laura Coughlan(3)**	70
12	(12)	582371	**RIVER WHARFE (6) (C&D)** A Carroll 8 9-3	**M Coppins(7)**	★73

BLINKERS: Nos. 7, 9, 12 VISOR: Nos. 4, 11 TONGUE STRAP: Nos. 1, 3.

SP FORECAST: 10-3 Eutropia, 6 Masqool, Galaxy Wonder, 7 Amber Honey, River Wharfe, Phaedra, 8 Danehill Star, 12 Knightmare, King Of Speed, 14 Others.

LONGEST TRAVELLER: Ramon Di Loria (6.00) & **Pallas Lord** (8.30) 230 miles. **STABLE SWITCH:** 4.28 **My Mate Mackley** from Alice Haynes to Adam Kirby. 5.30 **Caragio** from Martin Dunne to Adam Kirby, **Orbital Chime** from K Scott to James Owen. 7.00 **Saved Lizzie** from Darryll Holland to J Butler. 7.30 **Akabusi** from D Cunha to M Murphy. 8.00 **Baileys Ontherocks** from J Tate to A Carroll, **Saxon Grace** from C O'Connell in Ireland to D Bourke.

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Akabusi	Wl	7.30
Al Hofzan	Wl	5.30
Al Shabab	Wl	6.30
Alasrae	Wl	7.30
Alderley Charlie	E	4.05
Allstitchedup	E	2.55
Amber Honey	Wl	8.30
Amelia's Joy	Wl	6.00
American Trio	E	1.45
Arctic Stream	E	4.05
Arlecchino's Rex	Wl	6.30
Arthur's Quay	We	2.37
Artista	Wl	7.30
Ashdown Forest	We	3.12
Astronomic View	E	2.55
Backfire	Wl	8.00
Baileys Ontherocks	Wl	8.00
Balqaa	Wl	6.30
Below The Belt	E	1.45
Berry Edge	We	3.12
Big Love	We	3.12
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Blue In The West	E	2.20
Blue Orbit	Wl	7.30
Bomb Squad	Wl	6.00
Bonza Boy	E	3.30
Bredon Hill Dart	E	2.20
Buzz Iceclear	We	4.22
Caballo Grande	Wl	5.00
Captain Boudet	E	3.30
Caragio	Wl	5.30
Cawthorne Banker	We	3.12
Celebrating Ethel	Wl	7.00
Cill Mocheallog	Wl	5.30
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Come To Pass	Wl	6.30
Constellation Walk	E	1.45
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D'jango	E	5.13
Dance Hello	Wl	8.00
Daneh Of Dandy	Wl	7.30
Danehill Star	Wl	8.30
Dark Angel Star	Wl	7.30
Dessie Haze	E	2.20
Dors Delight	Wl	6.30
Dramatic License	We	4.22
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Eastern Rock	E	4.40
Eaton Anne	We	3.47
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Elusive Pb	E	1.45
Empty Nest	We	2.37
Enqarde	E	5.13
Eton Mes	E	2.55
Eutropia	Wl	8.30
Faithful Dream	Wl	8.00
Fine Tuning	E	4.40
Firm But Fair	E	2.55
First Angel	E	3.30
Florizelle	Wl	5.00
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Fortification	Wl	7.30
Frontpagemoos	Wl	7.00
Galaxy Wonder	Wl	8.30
Gateau De Miel	E	5.13
George Henry	E	2.55
Geryville	We	2.37
Getaway King	E	4.05
Girl Friday	We	2.02
Girls Best Friend	E	4.05
Glasgow Kiss	Wl	5.00
Golden Millie	We	3.12
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Henrythenate	Wl	7.30
Honey Haze	E	1.45
I Heard A Rumour	We	2.02
I Love You Sivola	E	2.20
I'llhaveabitofthat	E	4.40
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Imperial Merlin	We	4.22
In Denial	Wl	8.00
Ink Black Heart	E	4.40
Inkaman	E	1.45
Into The Park	We	4.22
Italian Spirit	E	4.05
Jack To Bat	We	3.47
Joan's Choice	We	2.02
Johns Legacy	We	4.55
Jurassic Pet	E	2.20
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Kapal Layar	We	4.22
Karpenn	E	1.45
Keep Off The Sugar	E	4.40
Keeper Of Secrets	Wl	6.30
Khaleesi Queen	We	2.02
King David	Wl	6.00
King Of Speed	Wl	8.30
Klervia	E	2.20
Knightmare	Wl	8.30
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Ladronne	We	4.22
Lady Delila	Wl	7.00
Lahan Kingman	Wl	5.00
Landlordtothestars	Wl	6.00
Leonie	Wl	5.00
Libre De Choeur	We	4.22
Lingering Glance	E	4.40
Local Derby	E	2.20
Loki's Mischief	E	2.20
Looking For Larry	E	2.20
Lucky Man	Wl	6.00
Luna Beaux	Wl	8.00
Macklin	E	5.13
Madajovy	E	2.55
Mademoiselle Belle	Wl	8.00
Man Is King	Wl	6.30
Marinakis	Wl	7.00
Marisitta	Wl	7.00
Masqool	Wl	8.30
Merapi	Wl	8.30
Mick The Hat	Wl	4.28
Mighty Zeus	E	4.40
Minella Premier	We	4.55
Moonlight Artist	E	2.20
Morning Suit	Wl	6.30
Mr Glass	E	5.13
Mr Maxim	Wl	4.28
Mr Maximillian	We	4.55
Mrs Pen	E	1.45
My Boy Aaron	E	1.45
My Mate Mackley	Wl	4.28
Mystical Martika	We	3.12
New Virginia	E	4.40
No But I Will	We	2.37
Noble Blue	E	2.55
Nobody Knows	Wl	4.28
Orbital Chime	Wl	5.30
Pacific Prince	Wl	7.00
Pallas Lord	Wl	8.30
Peace Belle	We	4.55
Phaedra	Wl	8.30
Pickersgill	Wl	6.00
Play On Court	E	1.45
Poke The Bear	Wl	6.00
Pop's Folly	E	2.20
Porth Mear	E	4.40
Punchbowl Flyer	Wl	6.00
Pyleigh Master	E	2.55
Ramon Di Loria	Wl	6.00
Rath Gaul Hill	We	2.37
Regulus Black	Wl	4.28
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Ri Na Cuirte	E	2.55
Rioja Alta	We	4.22
Rip It Up	We	4.55
River Kwai	E	4.40
River Wharfe	Wl	8.30
Roland Garros	We	3.12
Royal Maggs	We	2.02
Runamara	Wl	8.00
Saint Cyr De Pail	E	3.30
Sallyville Lady	We	2.02
Sans Of Gold	E	4.05
Saved Lizzie	Wl	7.00
Saxon Grace	Wl	8.00
Sherborne	E	3.30
Shot Boii	E	2.20
Signore Enzo	E	1.45
Simply Blue	Wl	5.30
Sintra	Wl	4.28
Snapdance	E	2.55
Sofian	Wl	5.30
Son Of Hypnos	E	2.55
Southfield Finale	E	1.45
Special John	E	2.20
Square Du Roule	E	2.20
Static Charm	We	4.55
Steal The Moves	E	4.05
Storming Nelson	E	4.05
Sunset In Paris	Wl	7.00
Superior Queen	We	4.55
Sweeper System	We	3.12
Swiss Ace	Wl	5.30
Tarbuck	E	2.20
Tech That	E	4.05
Telling Time	Wl	8.00
Temple Of Athena	Wl	7.30
Terries Royale	Wl	5.30
The Anthony Gover	Wl	4.28
The Grey Man	We	3.47
The Jam Man	E	2.20
The Moonlight Man	E	4.05
The Tunguska Event	Wl	8.00
Theformismighty	E	5.13
Thickthorn Tom	E	4.05
Tiger Orchid	We	4.22
Trusty Scout	Wl	6.30
Voleur De Terres	E	4.05
Von Krolock	Wl	6.00
Watchoutitscookie	E	2.20
White Umbrella	Wl	5.30
William Cody	We	2.37
Windance	E	5.13
Wozitworththewait	E	1.45
Yehudi	Wl	5.30
Yippee Ki Yay	E	5.13
Zains Hope	We	4.55

WORLD OF SPORT

Early start pays off with Rocket launch

SNOOKER

RONNIE O'SULLIVAN eased to victory in the first round of the World Open in Yushan with a 5-1 win against Ross Muir.

O'Sullivan raced to take a 3-0 lead in the contest before Muir pulled a frame back, but the world No.12 replied with back-to-back century breaks.

The Rocket now receives a bye to the last 32 in China following the withdrawal of Ishpreet Singh Chadha.

O'Sullivan said: "I got here a week early just to do some practice on my own. I know I haven't played a lot of tournaments, but I've been working really hard on my game. It has been in such a bad place.

"I've got one last throw of the dice, really. The last three years have been pretty awful, confidence-wise."

John Higgins began his defence with a 5-3 win against Liam Highfield, while in the second round, Shaun Murphy came from 4-1 down to clinch a 5-4 win against David Lilley.

O'SULLIVAN

THE BIG PICTURE

FEELING SWELL: Peru's Sol Aguirre competes in Australia

RUGBY LGE

BY **DANIEL TOMLINSON**

ST HELENS winger Kyle Feldt has been handed a three-match suspension for a Grade E head contact charge during their Challenge Cup win against Castleford.

The charge was triggered by a high tackle on Castleford's Krystian Mapapalangi.

Feldt will be sidelined until the Saints' cup clash after the Easter weekend.

He is one of 14 charges handed out after the weekend's action, albeit the Saints winger is the only one severe enough to be handed a ban.

St Helens team-mate Mark Percival has been cited for a Grade B head contact offence and has been given three penalty points.

Elsewhere, those charged include Wigan Warriors trio Adam Keighran, Ethan Havard, and Liam Marshall.

10 to tackle

1. By what score did Ireland beat England at the Allianz Stadium Twickenham in the Six Nations last month?
2. **Which cyclist won the 2026 UAE Tour Women?**
3. Who scored two tries for Wigan Warriors in this season's Super League home win against Hull FC?
4. **Which Scottish football team are nicknamed the Buddies?**
5. Which British runner won the women's 10,000m at the 1991 World Athletics Championships?
6. **What is the only golf club outside of Great Britain to have hosted The Open Championship?**
7. In which Asian sport would you hear the terms cant and raider?
8. **Which former world light heavyweight boxing champion was nicknamed 'The Old Mongoose'?**
9. Which Argentinian tennis player did Steffi Graf beat in the ladies' singles final at Wimbledon in 1991?
10. **In which sport might you see a point guard?**

RATINGS
0-3 Oh dear
4-6 Small beer
7-9 So near
10 Sporting Seer

ANSWERS: 1 42-21. 2 Elisa Longo Borghini. 3 Jai Field. 4 St Mirren. 5 Liz McColgan. 6 Royal Portrush. 7 Kabaddi. 8 Archie Moore. 9 Gabriela Sabatini. 10 Basketball.

WE'RE READY FOR TAKE-OFF

Tough times will make England miles better in summer, says Sam

BY **ADAM HATHAWAY**

SAM UNDERHILL insists he can see light at the end of the tunnel for England despite their darkest Six Nations as they prepare to face Test rugby's ultimate challenge.

They had better get their skates on because next up, on July 4 at fortress Ellis Park in Johannesburg, England face reigning world champions South Africa.

Over the following two Saturdays they face Fiji in Liverpool before travelling to Argentina to play Los Pumas in the new Nations Championship. They will clock up about 25,000 air miles on the back of their worst Six Nations in history – a return of just one win in five.

While England finished off the tournament going out on their shields in a 48-46 defeat by France in Paris on Saturday, the previous three rounds – against Scotland, Ireland and Italy – were horror shows.

But flanker Underhill, who won his 50th cap last weekend, believes what does not kill you makes you stronger and insists England will come back better from their latest setback.

The 29-year-old said: "It's been a tough tournament for us, but I'd like to think that there's good things ahead. That's been true of my experiences in an England shirt full stop.

"We came fifth in 2018, and we went on to the World Cup final the following year. Rugby is full of highs and lows.

"There's a sense of – and it might be weird to say – confidence in the group. It's us that has to get ourselves out of these situations. Talking about learnings and talking about difficult times is very different to actually being in them.

"Being in them is actually pretty crap, to be honest. But you do come out of the other side, you do learn from them, and I think this team will learn an awful lot from this tournament."

South Africa were in the doldrums when Rassie Erasmus (left), a convention-defying coach, took over in 2018 but won World Cups in 2019 and 2023 to show England there is a way out.Underhill added: "South Africa have set an incredibly high bar as a team, haven't they?

"What a challenge for the group - that's the sort of thing you want to be getting into as a team.

"The difference between a good team and a bad team sometimes is just about belief and confidence. And I think we found that against France. Moving forward, I hope that's something we take away. There's a phenomenal amount of talent in the group and a lot of capability in the group. When we back ourselves, we're capable of brilliant things.

"South Africa will be a massive challenge and a massive opportunity as well. You always want to be playing against the best and that's a testament to the Springboks."

> The difference between a good team and a bad one is sometimes just confidence

WORLD BEATERS Springboks are inspiration for Underhill (right)

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LONG STAY Farrell joined in 2019

FARRELL GETS BACK TO THE FUTURE TALK

BY **EDWARD ELLIOT**

ANDY FARRELL says a conversation about his future as Ireland head coach "won't be too far away".

The Englishman guided Ireland to a fourth Triple Crown in five years thanks to Saturday's 43-21 win against Scotland before being denied the third Six Nations title of his reign by France.

Farrell, 50, was appointed to his role in 2019 and has a contract with the Irish Rugby Football Union (IRFU) to lead the team to next year's World Cup in Australia.

He was last month linked with a move to Gallagher Prem club Saracens at the end of his deal, reports he suggested were a case of, "People putting two and two together and making five".

Farrell said: "I will have a conversation [with the IRFU], we've already spoken about having a conversation. That won't be too far away, so we'll see how that goes."

Asked if he would like to stay on beyond his contract, Farrell said: "You know that I love this. There's all sorts of stuff that needs to be talked about."

Ireland return in July against Australia, Japan and New Zealand in the inaugural Nations Championship.

Having used 35 players during the Six Nations, Farrell wants individuals "fighting for a seat on the plane".

"We'll see what the momentum is with the lads going back to their provinces now," he said.

NEWCASTLE CLOSE DICKENS CHAPTER

NEWCASTLE head coach Alan Dickens has left the club.

It was announced last month that Dickens (below) would depart at the end of the season, but Newcastle confirmed he left yesterday, "At Alan's request to allow him to pursue other opportunities."

Senior assistant coach Stephen Jones will take charge until the end of the campaign.

Jones' first match in charge will be away at Northampton Saints on Saturday in the English Gallagher Prem. He takes over a side bottom of the table with one win from 10 games.

CRICKET

BAZ CALL McCullum (left) with Key

‘IF YOU’RE OUT NO ONE CARES’

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was off Baz. Brooky [captain Harry Brook] sent me a text.

“Keysy said nothing, [he] said I’ll speak to you in the summer. I actually rang him one day, and he said he was busy at a Test camp at Loughborough and then I didn’t hear off him until the end of September.

“That probably sums that group up as a collective. That was a bit of an eye-opening experience about the group and the regime – if you’re in, you’re in, and if you’re not in, no one cares about you. That put my mind at ease that my cricket was going to be more enjoyable going forward.

“I was asking for help and pretty much all I got was that I care too much and I need to chill out a little bit.”

He remains in demand on the franchise circuit, with a £1million IPL deal from Sunrisers Hyderabad and a £350,000 bid from London Spirit at last week’s Hundred auction.

“I still believe I’m one of the best players in white-ball cricket in England,” he said. “Just because I’m not playing for England, because of a couple of people’s opinions, it doesn’t mean that I’m not good enough.”

TENNIS

NORRIE’S THE NEW GB NO.1

BY **YASMIN SYED**

CAMERON NORRIE is the new British men’s No.1, knocking Jack Draper off top spot.

Both reached the quarter-finals at Indian Wells last week but Draper’s departure in the last eight was a costly one, having won the event in 2025.

He slipped from 12th to 26th, while Norrie climbed five places to 24th.

Draper could go back in front by outlasting Norrie by just one round at this week’s Miami Open and impressed in only his second tournament back from a lengthy injury, beating Novak Djokovic.

Norrie (above) said: “I don’t think there’s many players that can do that. I was out with injury for three or four months and it took me four or five tournaments to start feeling OK.”

Emma Raducanu has withdrawn from the Miami event as she continues to recover from post viral symptoms she picked up in the Middle East last month.

MERC LOVE NOT WAR

Wolff sure his boys will avoid a collision course

BY **PHILIP DUNCAN**

TOTO WOLFF is confident Mercedes will avoid a repeat of Lewis Hamilton’s toxic rivalry with Nico Rosberg after Kimi Antonelli emerged as a serious threat to team-mate George Russell’s world championship bid.

Teenager Antonelli’s debut victory at Sunday’s Chinese Grand Prix arrived a week after Russell won the season-opening round in Australia.

Russell holds a four-point advantage over Antonelli with Mercedes in ominous form.

Hamilton’s relationship with Rosberg boiled over in the three years they fought for the title, leading to a fractious atmosphere within Mercedes.

However, team principal Wolff believes the dynamic between Russell, 28, and Antonelli, 19 – both of whom climbed the Mercedes junior ladder – will stay harmonious.

“The relationship between Lewis and Nico was completely different,” said Wolff. “Nico and Lewis knew each other from their early karting days, being friends, but also having this social fight that was always engrained within them. It was a friendship that then became a rivalry, and then animosity.

“They were two different drivers. But you need to appreciate drivers are here to win races and championships, and the moment you sniff that, obviously the elbows come out. That’s something that the team needs to manage.

“But both Kimi and George are Mercedes juniors, and we’ve been responsible for the trajectory since single-seaters. So I feel at this stage – and maybe I’m going to bite my tongue one day – we are in a totally different situation.”

Mercedes have hit the ground running this year following a major overhaul of the sport’s regulations.

However the onus on driver management, and gimmicks such as a “boost” button to overtake, have left four-time world champion Max Verstappen with conflicting feelings about his future on the grid.

Verstappen, who retired from sixth place in Shanghai following an engine failure, has described the new regulations as a “joke” and warned that they could ruin Formula One.

It is understood F1 bosses will stage meetings with the grid’s 11 teams in the coming weeks to assess potential changes to the rules.

The next round will take place in Japan a week on Sunday before a five-week gap to Miami due to the cancellation of the races in Bahrain and Saudi Arabia.

Wolff (above), an admirer of Verstappen, said: “Max is really in a horror show. When you look at the onboard that he had in qualifying, the car is just horrendous to drive.

“From an entertainment perspective, I believe that what we saw between Ferrari and Mercedes was good racing, many overtakes, and we were all part of Formula One where there was no overtaking. Sometimes we are too nostalgic about the good old years.

“But I’m sure for someone like Max, who’s a full-attack guy, it is difficult to cope and digest. However, it’s more a car-specific issue that kind of magnifies the problem.

“If you sit in front of the TV or in front of a screen, even Max would say that was interesting racing and the product is good in itself.”

OUT ON THEIR OWN The Mercedes cars show the way in China, with the two Ferraris giving chase

FRIENDLY RIVALRY There seems to no animosity between Mercedes duo George Russell (left) and Kimi Antonelli, unlike the relationship of (inset left) Nico Rosberg and Lewis Hamilton

Michael Kayode scores with a bullet header to put the Bees in front

BEES SWATTED BY AROK STAR

Supersub Tolu completes stunning fightback for battling Wolves

BRENTFORD 2
Kayode 22, Thiago 37
WOLVES 2
Armstrong 44, Arokodare 77

BY **IAN BAKER**

WOLVES are going down. But they are going down with a fight.

Rob Edwards' men battled back unexpectedly from two down to dent Brentford's European hopes.

The visitors had trailed to goals from Michael Kayode and Igor Thiago.

But Adam Armstrong netted his first for the club and then sub Tolu Arokodare levelled up.

Brentford appeared to be taking the fight to stalling Aston Villa, Liverpool and Chelsea in their pursuit of European football with boss Keith Andrews continuing to impress.

Brentford are quite happy to continue with the underdog tag, and played a montage of various pundits writing them off following Thomas Frank's summer departure. But former Wolves and Republic of Ireland midfielder and ex-Sky Sports pundit Andrews has been proving people wrong.

He recently signed a bumper new deal until 2032 and used his programme notes last night to state that the club took a "calculated risk" in appointing him. But Wolves played with so much heart in their last game, bizarrely, until April 10.

As good as down already, they may be left needing snookers by the time they return to action.

Jose Sa's failure to claim a cross nearly led to an early goal before Wolves cleared their lines. Mikkel Damsgaard was unfortunate not to put Brentford ahead after a fine one-two with Dango Ouattara, but his effort just cleared the target.

But it was not long before the Bees grabbed the lead with 22 minutes on the clock – and it was a wonderful goal.

Keane Lewis-Potter's delightful cross from the left was headed home by Kayode at the far post for his first goal in Brentford's colours.

Moments later, Thiago surprisingly missed the target with a header from Ouattara's cross. But soon after, Thiago was able to celebrate his maiden call-up by Brazil yesterday with a simple tap-in on 37 minutes from Ouattara's pass to register his 22nd goal of the campaign.

Thiago should have been celebrating another shortly afterward as he headed onto the post after Sepp van den Berg had nodded on.

Wolves, though, snatched an unexpected lifeline and reduced the arrears two minutes before half-time when Armstrong buried the ball after latching onto Jean-Ricner Bellegarde's pass. Wanderers had been outplayed, but showed signs of life when Jackson Tchatchoua's cross was flicked onto the post by Armstrong early in the second half.

Edwards' men made life uncomfortable for their hosts by having more of the ball than they had seen in the first half.

Frustratingly for Andrews, the Bees lost Danish midfielder Damsgaard to injury as the game wore on.

And Wolves then hit them with powerful sub Arokodare.

The Nigerian was on hand to head in Joao Gomes' 77th-minute cross moments after coming on. And he nearly scored again moments later, only to hit the post.

BRENTFORD (4-2-3-1): Kelleher; Kayode, Van den Berg, Collins, Lewis-Potter; Henderson, Jensen; Ouattara (Nelson 85), Damsgaard (Ajer 72), Schade (Yarmoliuk 68); Thiago.
WOLVES (3-5-2): Sa; Mosquera, S Bueno, Krejci; Tchatchoua, Bellegarde (Arokodare 74), Andre, J Gomes, H Bueno; Armstrong (R Gomes 87), Mane (A Gomes 46).
MOTM: Keane Lewis-Potter (Brentford)

RESULTS & FIXTURES

Premier League

BRENTFORD (2) ..... 2 WOLVES (1).......... 2
Kayode 22 Armstrong 44
Thiago 37 Arokodare 77
Att: 17,155

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Arsenal	31	21	7	3	61	22	70
Man City	30	18	7	5	60	28	61
Man Utd	30	15	9	6	54	41	54
Aston Villa	30	15	6	9	40	37	51
Liverpool	30	14	7	9	49	40	49
Chelsea	30	13	9	8	53	35	48
Brentford	30	13	6	11	46	42	45
Everton	30	12	7	11	34	35	43
Newcastle	30	12	6	12	43	43	42
Bournemouth	30	9	14	7	44	46	41
Fulham	30	12	5	13	40	43	41
Brighton	30	10	10	10	39	36	40
Sunderland	30	10	10	10	30	35	40
Crystal Palace	30	10	9	11	33	35	39
Leeds	30	7	11	12	37	48	32
Tottenham	30	7	9	14	40	47	30
Nottm Forest	30	7	8	15	28	43	29
West Ham	30	7	8	15	36	55	29
Burnley	30	4	8	18	32	58	20
Wolves	31	3	8	20	24	54	17

Sky Bet Championship

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Att: 19,253

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Coventry	38	23	8	7	78	40	77
Middlesbro	38	20	10	8	59	37	70
Ipswich	37	19	11	7	66	38	68
Millwall	38	20	8	10	52	43	68
Hull	38	19	6	13	59	56	63
Wrexham	37	16	12	9	57	47	60
Southampton	37	15	12	10	60	48	57
Derby	38	16	9	13	55	48	57
Birmingham	38	14	11	13	48	48	53
Watford	37	13	13	11	47	45	52
Swansea	38	15	7	16	44	46	52
Norwich	37	15	6	16	51	45	51
Stoke	38	14	9	15	45	40	51
Bristol City	38	14	9	15	49	49	51
Sheff Utd	38	15	5	18	53	52	50
QPR	38	14	8	16	49	60	50
Preston	38	12	13	13	42	48	49
Charlton	38	12	12	14	36	45	48
Blackburn	38	11	9	18	36	49	42
Portsmouth	37	10	10	17	36	48	40
West Brom	38	10	10	18	39	54	40
Oxford Utd	38	9	12	17	36	49	39
Leicester	38	11	11	16	51	60	38
Sheff Wed	38	1	9	28	23	76	-6

ENTERPRISE NATIONAL LEAGUE—South: Chelmsford 2 Slough 0.

WELSH PREMIER LEAGUE: Cardiff Met Uni 0 Briton Ferry 2.

SSE AIRTRICITY LGE.-PREM: Drogheda Utd 0 Shamrock Rovers 0, Dundalk 1 Sligo Rovers 0, Galway Utd 4 Waterford 3, Shelbourne 0 Bohemians 0, St Patricks Athletic 0 Derry City 0.

SNOOKER

WORLD OPEN (Yushan, China)—**Selected 1st rd:** R Day (Wal) bt P Lei (Chn) 5-1; S Murphy (Eng) bt D Lilley (Eng) 5-4; Y Zhou (Chn) bt G He (Chn) 5-3; A Taylor (Eng) bt Z Surety (Eng) 5-2; R Williams (Eng) bt H Zhao (Chn) 5-4; J Lisowski (Eng) bt C Ka Wai (Hkg) 5-1; S Bingham (Eng) bt A McGill 5-4; D Wells (Wal) bt E Slessor (Eng) 5-0; H Vafaei (Irn) bt M Stevens (Wal) 5-1; T Un Nooh (Tha) bt D Grace (Eng) 5-1.

TODAY'S DIARY

(7.45pm unless stated)

UEFA Champions League Round of 16 Second Leg

Arsenal (1) v Bayer Leverkusen (1) (8pm)
(Live on TNT Sports 1)
Chelsea (2) v Paris SG (5) (8pm)
(Live on TNT Sports 2)
Man City (0) v Real Madrid (3) (8pm)
(Live on Amazon Prime)
Sporting Lisbon (0) v Bodo/Glimt (3) (5.45)
(Live on TNT Sports 3)

Sky Bet Championship

Watford v Wrexham

Sky Bet League One

AFC Wimbledon v Leyton Orient
Barnsley v Wigan (8pm)
(Live on Sky Sports Main Event)
Blackpool v Port Vale
Bolton v Doncaster
Bradford v Mansfield
Burton v Reading
Cardiff v Wycombe
Huddersfield v Lincoln City
Luton v Exeter
Peterborough v Rotherham
Plymouth v Stevenage
Stockport Co v Northampton

Sky Bet League Two

Accrington v Notts County
Bristol Rovers v Shrewsbury
Cheltenham v Crewe
Chesterfield v Oldham
Crawley v Barnet
Gillingham v Swindon
Grimsby v Fleetwood
Newport Co v Bromley (7.30)
Salford City v Barrow
Tranmere v Harrogate Tn
Walsall v Cambridge Utd

Enterprise National League: Brackley v Solihull Moors, Gateshead v Wealdstone, Southend v Rochdale, Truro City v Scunthorpe, Woking v Yeovil.

William Hill Scottish League One: Inverness CT v Peterhead.

William Hill Scottish League Two: Spartans v Forfar.

CRICKET

Second T20I: New Zealand v South Africa (Hamilton, 6.15am).

TENNIS

ATP & WTA Miami Open (Florida).

Dom calls on fans to stick with Reds

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we need everybody, and that's the most important.

"It should be normal that in hard times we stick together more because that's what we need, we need each other.

"We want to make them happy, it's not that we do it on purpose. We want to make ourselves happy, make all the Liverpool supporters happy, but we need them.

"Last year it was for sure enjoyable to watch all the games but this year maybe it's not that enjoyable, for sure, I can imagine. But still support us also when we are in difficult times.

"Of course. But, as I said, they can be angry but stick with us because we are a family, we need you guys. We would like to make them happy so just stay together."

The draw moved Liverpool into fifth place, which is expected to be the final Champions League spot, but there was little sugarcoating what was a frustrating day for Slot (below) and his players.

Szoboszlai added: "Where do we go from here? It's a good question. If I knew the answer I would be the first one to go to the team and say it.

"As I've said many times before, it's a little bit boring when I say this, but we still need to find a solution, because we are running out of time.

"We played a completely different game in the second half to the first half. The answer for this. Why? I don't know.

"Somehow this year is like this but we have to stick together and that's the most important thing, because the good times are always easy to stay together, but in the hard times it is the most difficult to stay together.

"But we have to because it is a long way to go still."

Yoro makes Case for staying United

BY **STEVEN RAILSTON**

MANCHESTER UNITED defender Leny Yoro would love Casemiro and Harry Maguire to extend their Old Trafford careers.

Casemiro is set to leave when his deal expires in the summer.

But the Brazilian has started every game under Michael Carrick.

There are no plans to make a U-turn, but United fans chanted, "One more year, Casemiro", in the 3-1 defeat of Aston Villa.

The win leaves United on track for Champions League qualification, having won seven of their past nine matches.

The former Real Madrid midfielder opened the scoring.

Yoro said of the 34-year-old: "Everyone wants him to stay, he's a really important player for us, he showed that again.

"Even in the dressing room, every day, he has the experience that no one else has in the team. He won everything, so this helped us a lot in the games and even outside the pitch."

Maguire is another senior player who is out of contract at the end of the season, with talks ongoing to extend his deal. Yoro (below) believes it would be a boost if Maguire stays.

He said: "Having Harry in the team is good for us. I hope he's going to extend his contract."

Asked whether playing alongside Maguire helps, Yoro said: "Of course, with all the experience he has. He gives me a lot of tips.

"He always speaks with me, sometimes before the game, or at half-time, about positioning. We speak during the week a lot about the opponent.

"This club has to play in the Champions League, so hopefully we're going to get it."

WE'VE GOT TO BE PERFECT

Rosenior needs focus group for Blues to climb mountain

BRIDGE THE GAP Rosenior says overturning PSG's lead is possible

CHELSEA (2) v PSG (5)
Champions League: Last 16 second leg, 8pm

BY **BOBBY VINCENT**

LIAM ROSENIOR insisted Chelsea are not facing mission impossible against Paris Saint-Germain tonight – but elimination would not delay their plans to be the world's best.

The Blues need to overturn a 5-2 deficit against the Champions League holders following last week's late collapse in Paris.

Chelsea twice levelled before a mistake from goalkeeper Filip Jorgensen and a Khvicha Kvaratskhelia double left them with a mountain to climb.

But Rosenior said: "We were punished by some very good players for our mistakes. For us, it's been a theme.

"We performed consistently very well, but we've been undone in games by moments of focus or concentration. For us to go through, we need to be perfect in terms of not making mistakes, our performance in possession.

"We have to remember that PSG are the European champions for a reason, but we've also shown in times that we can definitely compete and beat them in isolated games."

PSG also had the added bonus of no domestic fixture at the weekend while Chelsea were beaten 1-0 by Newcastle on home soil.

"They have more rest. I can't speak about other league schedules or what they do," said the Chelsea head coach. "What I can do is try and make sure that my team and our team are ready to give absolutely everything.

"Hopefully, we can turn around a difficult scoreline, but not an impossible one."

Chelsea have already beaten the European champions by a 3-0 scoreline, in their Club World Cup triumph last summer, under the management of Enzo Maresca. Rosenior is now tasked with leading Chelsea's new era, with the club's directors adamant they are building a team to reach the summit of world football. Asked if he feels the same way, Rosenior said: "Yes, I do. It's really difficult because you want to be successful in the now.

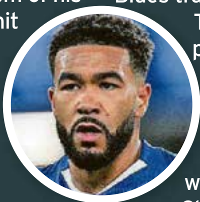
"At the same time, you have to plan for the future. There's an idea for this club to be successful in the long term, for a long time. Not just for one year but to have consistent success. If you want to build something, you need to make sure the foundation is there and then the results follow. I know the plans, I'm excited by the plans. I'm excited to be a part of it."

Chelsea (probable): Sanchez; Acheampong, Fofana, Chalobah, Cucurella; Santos, Caicedo; Palmer, Fernandez, Neto; Joao Pedro.
PSG (probable): Safonov; Hakimi, Marquinhos, Pacho, Mendes; Zaire-Emery, Vitinha, Neves; Kvaratskhelia, Dembele, Barcola.
Referee: Slavko Vincic (SVN).

James World Cup scare

BY **BOBBY VINCENT**

CHELSEA captain Reece James is out injured with the 10th hamstring problem of his career – which could hit his World Cup hopes.



The 26-year-old (right) was a shoo-in for the friendlies against Uruguay and Japan this month.

But he will now miss England's final two matches on home soil before the summer tournament.

James is also out of tonight's Champions League round-of-16 second leg against Paris Saint-Germain at Stamford Bridge, with the Blues trailing 5-2.

The latest hamstring problem flared up during Saturday's defeat by Newcastle – just hours after his new six-year contract was confirmed.

Chelsea head coach Liam Rosenior said: "Really frustrating and disappointing. We don't know the full extent of the injury. With a hamstring injury, it's never great."

CHELSEA HIT WITH RECORD FINE

CONCERNS New owner Boehly

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the Premier League, although this is not understood to relate to financial issues.

The total of £10.75m is a record fine for the Premier League. Chelsea also face 74 rule breach charges from the FA, which also arose from the information they shared with the authorities.

Any FA sanction is expected to be a hefty fine rather than a points deduction.

Payments totalling £47,524,925.74 were made between 2011 and 2018 with the "knowledge and approval" of senior officers and/or directors formerly with the club.

No fewer than 36 payments were made to 12 individuals or entities. More than £23m was paid to seven unregistered agents, or entities associated with them, in connection with the transfers of seven players.

Payments exceeding £19m were made to bring Willian and Eto'o to Chelsea from Russian club Anzhi Makhachkala in 2013. The Premier League accepted that "in no scenario would the club have breached the League's Profitability and Sustainability Rules".

Chelsea said they had "voluntarily and proactively disclosed" information to the investigation.

There is no suggestion of any wrongdoing on the part of the players.

BIG LITTLE HIGHS

ARSENAL (1) v B LEVERKUSEN (1)
Champions League: Last 16 second leg, 8pm

Calafiori sees signs Gunners are bound for special season

BY **JOHN CROSS**

RICCARDO CALAFIORI says his sensational 'scorpion block' has left him convinced "big things" are going to happen.

Calafiori was still glowing about record-breaking wonderkid Max Dowman's late goal against Everton, which the Arsenal defender said was the "best moment of the season".

And it also came on the back of Calafiori's acrobatic goal-line block which thwarted Everton's Dwight McNeil to set up last Saturday's dramatic win which has totally changed the mood at the Emirates.

They now go into their Champions League return leg against Bayer Leverkusen all square but in high spirits.

After all the talk of set pieces and style of play, 16-year-old Dowman – who became the youngest scorer in Premier League history – has completely changed the focus for the run-in. Italy defender Calafiori said: "I believe that with these small things, big things normally happen.

"I was so, so happy at the end of the game – especially with the second goal. We were all happy, we ran towards him [Dowman] and the fans.

"It was almost a fight with the fans – in a nice way. It was amazing. Maybe the best moment of the season so far."

I believe that with these small things, big things normally happen

Arsenal are now nine points clear at the top of the Premier League, they are still favourites to go through – although Leverkusen held Bayern Munich on Saturday – and are in the hunt for four trophies.

It could be an unforgettable season for Arsenal and Calafiori insists the whole squad are putting their bodies on the line to make sure the Gunners end their 22-year wait for the title. They have never won the Champions League.

Calafiori smiled as he was asked about the description of his heroic goal-saving intervention being called a 'scorpion block'. "Yeah, I've seen that," he said, smiling.

"I just looked at the guy who was shooting and I thought I had to close as much space as possible and I just reacted. We love to defend our house.

"It's the best one I've done and also I think it was so important for the result and for the team."

Calafiori is an elegant defender and so classy on the ball as he gives Arsenal an extra dimension from left-back, often inverting into midfield. But even he says the rest of the Arsenal squad have been blown away by Dowman's progress from the schoolboy doing his GCSEs into a Premier League phenomenon.

He is likely to be on the bench against Leverkusen, even though it is a school night.

Calafiori added: "When we're watching him, we're pretty amazed.

"He's so young but at the same time so mature on the pitch. Still, yes, he can improve many things but he's a talent. You can see it.

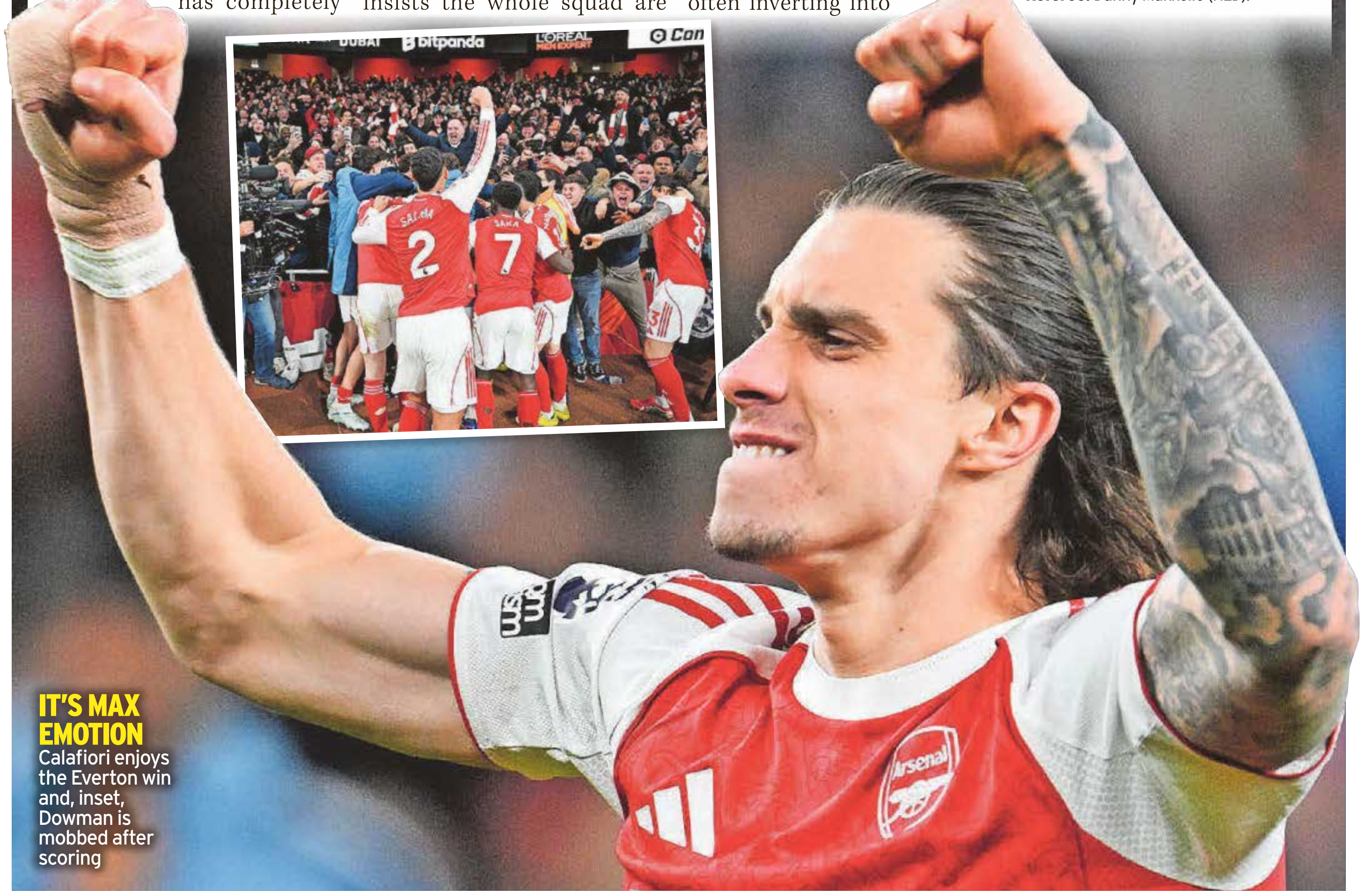
"But at the same time, we have to try not to speak about him too much because he has everything."

Arsenal are set to be without Jurrien Timber who missed training while Martin Odegaard is hoping to be back for Sunday's Carabao Cup final even if he misses the Leverkusen tie.

Arsenal (probable): Raya; Mosquera, Saliba, Gabriel, Calafiori; Zubimendi, Rice; Saka, Eze, Trossard; Gyokeres.

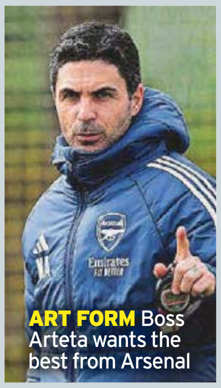
Leverkusen (probable): Blaswich; Andrich, Quansah, Tapsoba; Poku, Fernandez, Palacios, Grimaldo; Maza, Terrier; Kofane.

Referee: Danny Makkelie (NED).



IT'S MAX EMOTION Calafiori enjoys the Everton win and, inset, Dowman is mobbed after scoring

ARTETA: WE MUST HIT MAX LEVEL



ART FORM Boss Arteta wants the best from Arsenal

BY **JOHN CROSS**

MIKEL ARTETA says Arsenal must raise their game to a "different level" if they want to rule Europe.

The Gunners face a tricky Champions League tie with Bayer Leverkusen at the Emirates tonight after the first leg finished all square.

Arsenal are still red-hot favourites to progress, and Arteta says they can use Max Dowman as a source of inspiration.

Wonder kid Dowman, 16, will be on the bench, but Arteta says the feelgood factor after his record-breaking goal against Everton on Saturday can rub off on the other players.

"It's very inspiring when you see someone, almost naive, making decisions and flowing, and careless playing in that manner, in that context. It's great.

"It's a good example, playing with that flow and enthusiasm is very beneficial for the team.

"He is knocking on the door at 16, saying, 'I am good enough and I can impact this team whenever it is needed'. And he is doing it when he is playing."

On tonight's test, Arteta added: "When you come to this stage in the competition, you have to elevate your game to a different level, collectively and individually.

"This will be one of those nights where we need the best from all of us."

RUN OVER Igor Tudor helps Pape Matar Sarr to his feet after Spurs' marathon efforts

SPURS' ATTITUDE IS MILES BETTER

BY **ANDY DUNN**

FOR all the jeers from the home fans on the final whistle, Liverpool remain a fairly formidable opponent at Anfield.

Under Arne Slot, they have won 22 of their 35 Premier League home games, losing only four.

Their form this season has not been stellar, but in their previous Premier League home match, they put five past West Ham.

After Spurs' draw with the champions, there was a lot of focus on Liverpool's deficiencies.

But the 1-1 draw had as much to do with Tottenham's spirit. It was a display that carried serious significance in the relegation battle. Slot's team had just over 63 percent of possession, which obviously meant Spurs spent more time chasing.

But a difference of 9km (Spurs covered 118.27km, compared to Liverpool's 109.6) is still quite sizeable.

In the categories for walking, jogging and sprinting, Liverpool only beat Spurs in the first.

There were some huge efforts from Spurs players, showing they are still playing for themselves, the fans and even the manager.

Archie Gray (above) covered a category-leading distance of 12.58km in his central midfield role.

The Liverpool player who covered the most distance was Alexis Mac Allister, with 10.72km.

Gray ran well over a mile more than Liverpool's hardest-working player. And Solanke (12.01) was not far behind. As a team in a single game, Spurs have not covered more distance than at Anfield.

In Thomas Frank's last game, the home defeat to Newcastle, Spurs ran eight kilometres less than they did against Liverpool on Sunday.

Considering injury problems meant they were down to 13 senior players, their attitude was impeccable. Perhaps they were riled by the widespread expectancy of a Liverpool stroll.

Perhaps criticism that has developed into ridicule wound up those fit enough to put a shift in. Perhaps quite a few of those who gave everything are ones whose pay packets take a hit if Spurs are relegated.

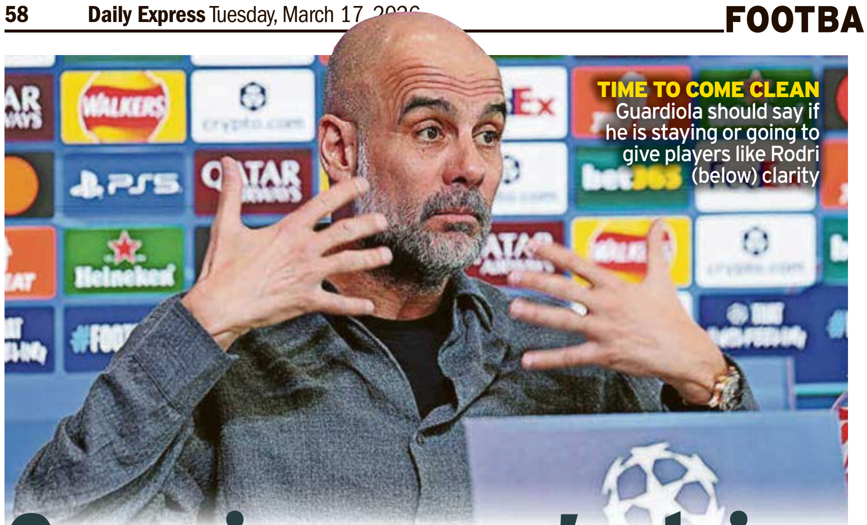
Perhaps they quite like boss Igor Tudor.

In terms of physical and mental indefatigability, Richarlison's performance typified the resilience that should give Spurs supporters hope. Richarlison gets a hard time at Anfield, he gets a rough ride from Virgil van Dijk, and he misses the odd half-chance. But he just keeps coming back for more.

Scorer Richarlison also ran further (11.1km) than any Liverpool player.

No wonder the fan group Change For Tottenham has postponed a planned protest before Sunday's home game against Nottingham Forest.

And that is the right decision because at least these players, for all their faults, have shown they will go that extra mile for the Spurs cause.



TIME TO COME CLEAN Guardiola should say if he is staying or going to give players like Rodri (below) clarity

Guessing game's doing Guardiola no favours

COMMENT

BY **JEREMY CROSS**

IT IS starting to feel like the beginning of the end of Pep Guardiola's time in English football.

The moment all those associated with Manchester City have been dreading.

Because Guardiola will be irreplaceable.

The Spaniard has spent nigh on a decade at the Etihad, and created the best team of its generation.

He won a Treble, not to mention an historic four Premier League titles on the spin, as part of a magical haul of 15 major trophies.

His legacy was secured a long while ago.

And good luck to the poor bloke chosen to fill Guardiola's shoes, when that time comes. Which could well be this summer.

Perhaps Guardiola has already decided when he will leave City. Perhaps he hasn't.

The problem is, if he has, he hasn't made it public.

But Guardiola is about to head into a three-game sequence which promises to define City's season.

One which could well be over, should results not go the way he wants.

City host Real Madrid in the Champions League tonight needing to overturn a 3-0 deficit to keep their European dream alive. They then head to Wembley to take on Arsenal in the Carabao Cup final, before meeting Liverpool in the FA Cup quarter-finals.

It's inconceivable to think City will lose to Arsenal and crash out of the other two cup competitions, leaving themselves nothing left to do but hope Arsenal do a Devon Loch in the title race.

But then again, it seemed unthinkable Guardiola would go a whole season without winning something, which happened last term.

Even the managerial greats are not immune from failure from time to time.

But if City get to the start of April with a vacuum of nothingness ahead of them, wouldn't this be the ideal time for Guardiola or the club to let it be known his next move?

It would give supporters time to get their heads round it and allow Guardiola to get the long goodbye he deserves, should he decide this will be his final fling.

And it would provide clarity to the players, not least for those who might think there can be no life at City unless Guardiola is in charge.

There is also the sizeable distraction of the outcome of the 115 charges laid against City hanging over the club.

Neutrals should want Guardiola to continue. Because he will be missed greatly once he is gone. But there is now a nagging feeling that all the uncertainty surrounding Guardiola, is the kind of distraction which is having a negative impact on his team's campaign.

Guardiola will want to go down fighting. Leave the building with one more big trophy added to the haul.

But it won't be the league title this season, if recent evidence is anything to go by.

Which might persuade him to hang around, who knows?

But we don't know.

And this is an issue Guardiola should choose to address sooner rather than later.

To put everyone out of their misery.

Glasner urges Eagles not to flap

OLIVER GLASNER knows Crystal Palace need to hold their nerve if they are to reach a first European quarter-final.

The Eagles head to Cyprus on Thursday to face AEK Larnaca in the Conference League after a goalless draw in the home leg.

Palace also drew 0-0 with Leeds on Sunday, after which Glasner (right) said the team had been "nervous" in front of goal.

"That's what I told the players – it's important because it will be a similar game, and it's not now getting nervous or maybe scared," he said.

"We know we will create three, four, five big chances.

"I don't expect us having 15 because no team they played this year had 15, but we will have three, four, five, and then it's just being clinical, taking these chances. Then we will win.

"The most important thing for me is not now getting nervous and saying, 'Ah, they defend so deep and it's not so easy'. It's a challenge, and all these games help us progress."

BY **SIMON BAJKOWSKI**

MAN CITY (0) v REAL MADRID (3)
Champions League: Last 16 second leg, 8pm

Pep in fresh approach to mission impossible

PEP GUARDIOLA knows it will take nothing short of perfection if Manchester City are to make up for their Bernabeu no-show.

City are down three goals in their last-16 tie after Guardiola's selection in the Spanish capital last week went horribly wrong.

He picked three wingers but, not only were they blunt up front, they were also punished for three bouts of average defending in an extraordinary first half that saw Federico Valverde net a 22-minute hat-trick.

Eyebrows may have been raised by Guardiola's decision to give his players the day off ahead of tonight's return leg against Real Madrid at the Etihad.

But the rationale is not too difficult to understand given the schedule demands on his players.

"I prefer today everybody be at home," said the City boss. "We don't have time to train.

"We'll train tomorrow, move the legs a little and go.

"We have been together for 11 months with the (Club) World Cup so we know each other quite well.

"Repetition for training will not make us play better in the game against Madrid because today in modern football, in the top teams, training doesn't improve much."

It will take a vast improvement across the board for City to pull off one of the great comebacks and the magnitude of the task is certainly not lost on a boss who has experienced it all in the competition.

Guardiola added: "I have to admit the task is massive. To score more than three goals against Madrid is not easy.

"The result in the first leg was not the perfect one but at the same time we are here. It's a football game, everything can happen.

"We have to create as much momentum as possible with our people. It has to be a perfect game in many, many departments.

"Always we can create chances, we know that, but this season we're not finishing them. If we are able to be clinical there and defend well, always we will be in the game."

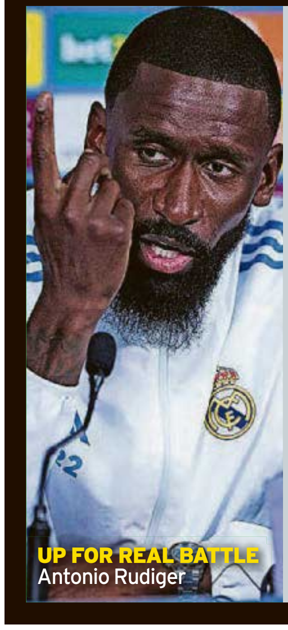
Guardiola pointed to their recovery from 2-0 down against Aston Villa in the final game of the 2021-22 season to win the Premier League title as evidence that all is not lost.

He said: "Aston Villa, the last game to win the Premier League – 74 minutes 0-2 and we made three goals in 12 minutes.

"Of course we have to take more risks in terms of trying, but even if the results are not good in the first

> "I prefer everybody be at home. In modern football, in the top teams, training doesn't improve much."

REST IS HISTORY



UP FOR REAL BATTLE Antonio Rudiger

Rudiger has it Haal to do again

BY **DARREN WELLS**

ANTONIO RUDIGER is taking nothing for granted when he renews his rivalry with Erling Haaland tonight – as Kylian Mbappe is set to return for Real Madrid.

But Jude Bellingham will not feature for the Spanish giants at the Etihad, despite travelling with the Real squad to Manchester.

Rudiger and Haaland have faced off six times with the German defender restricting the prolific Manchester City striker to just one goal. But ahead of the second leg, Rudiger insisted there will be no room for complacency.

"I don't think much about these statistics, I don't attach much importance to them – they're just numbers," said Rudiger. "He won the battle against me in the group stage.

"Players like Haaland – it's a huge pleasure to play against this type of player.

"I like the physical battle, I want it and need it, the same as him. I'm looking forward to it. He's a world-class striker, very strong, I like these type of duels."

Mbappe is expected to start after missing out last week with a knee injury.

Real boss Alvaro Arbeloa said: "Mbappe is ready to play. I cannot wait to see him back on the pitch."

He added: "Bellingham wanted to come with his team-mates. I'm very happy to see him getting closer to the team. It is important to be around his team-mates – during the team talk and at half-time he'll be one of the leaders."

half we have to keep going, carry on, go, because you never know."

Guardiola, however, does know who he will entrust with trying to achieve what many view as impossible, even hinting he could reprise the attacking formation that flunked so badly in the Bernabeu.

"The selection I have already more or less," he said. "I know the team that is going to start. I don't have any doubts. One doubt maybe.

"We played with four or five strikers in the first leg and didn't score. Sometimes you play with two false nines and score five goals. The idea is there – we have to try it."

City captain Bernardo Silva echoed his manager's belief that the tie is far from over, saying: "This sport has taught us that a lot of things can happen in a football game. Even though the result in Madrid was really bad, we will fight until the end.

"We know what this team is capable of."

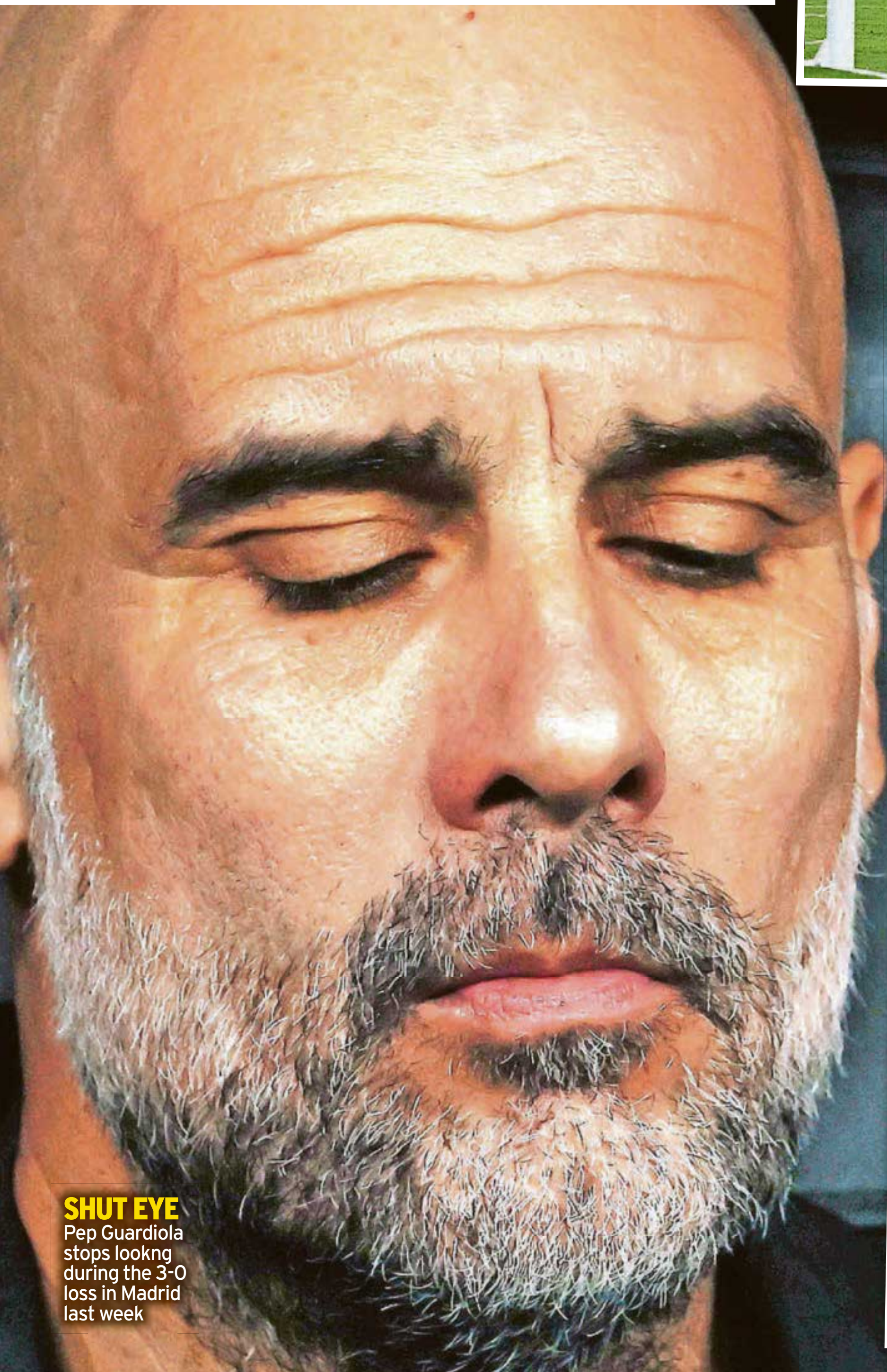
MAN CITY (4-3-3): Donnaurmma; Nunes, Dias, Guehi, Ait-Nouri; Bernardo, Rodri, O'Reilly; Cherki, Haaland, Doku
REAL MADRID (4-3-3): Courtois; Alexander-Arnold, Huijsen, Rudiger, Fran Garcia; Valverde, Tchouameni, Camavinga; Brahim Diaz, Arda Guler, Vinícius Jr.
REFEREE: Clement Turpin (Fra)

OFF DAYS

BAD DAY AT OFFIDE Real's hat-trick hero Valverde fires past Donnarumma at the Bernabeu last week

GAME BOY Haaland spent the day before the Champions League final in 2022 playing video games

CATCH OF THE DAY Foden likes to go fishing when he has time off away from football


SHUT EYE Pep Guardiola stops lookng during the 3-0 loss in Madrid last week

BOLD BERNARDO'S A BELIEVER

BIG NIGHT Bernardo wants a fast start

BY **SIMON BAJKOWSKI**

BERNARDO SILVA has demanded a 'Manchester City night' as Pep Guardiola's side bid to overcome all the odds against Real Madrid.

City must overturn the 3-0 deficit from the first leg at the Etihad tonight if they are to progress to the Champions League quarter-finals.

Bernardo was asked if City needed to have a 'Real Madrid night' in order to pull off a shock result against Los Blancos, who have pulled off plenty of dramatic comebacks in the competition over the years.

But the City skipper said: "We need to have a Manchester City night, we have also had many of those where many people didn't believe in us."

Real famously knocked out City in the 2022 semi-finals despite trailing by two goals going into the 90th minute of the second leg.

But Bernardo is banking on a fast start to turn the tide, saying: "Real have had many memorable nights particularly in the last few years and we want to create an atmosphere of belief in the stadium.

"The pace we want to inject into it and not to suffer attacks... To score a goal. With one goal the atmosphere of the ground will change."

Real have included Kylian Mbappe and Jude Bellingham in their squad after the injured duo missed the first leg. Their return would only give the Spanish giants more confidence, although City are prepared for anything as they look to pull off a stunning turnaround.

"Many people said Madrid didn't have a chance without Bellingham, Rodrgyo, and Mbappe – and they beat us 3-0," added Bernardo.

"What we need to focus on is our work, to be prepared to be us, to be Manchester City, to create an atmosphere that is favourable so that all the people believe it is possible."

CLEAR VISION Joelinton

Joelinton glad to be Barc again

BY **LEE RYDER**

NEWCASTLE midfield enforcer Joelinton hopes he enjoys his Barcelona experience a little more than recent trips to Catalonia tomorrow night.

The Toon star is no stranger to the city, having jetted there many times to see a specialist for injury issues in the last couple of years. He was there in January after being told a groin injury needed a painkilling injection to get him back on track after a winter lay off.

But with painkilling injections for a groin injury allowing him to play a part in recent big victories over Manchester United and Chelsea, he heads to the Nou Camp with the Magpies' biggest European payday in prospect if they can reach the quarter-finals.

The Brazil international said: "I have been to Barcelona a few times for injections, but I am happy to be there to play this time.

"I hope we perform well and we have confidence and the belief to go through.

"If we keep pushing and trying, we can still achieve our goals this season."

We won't tempt Fet

BODO/GLIMT midfielder Sondre Fet has vowed they will not change their style tonight as they look to book an historic place in the quarter-finals of the Champions League.

They lead Sporting Lisbon 3-0 after another sensational performance in a year when they have also beaten Manchester City, Atletico Madrid and Inter Milan (twice).

Fet, who scored the Norwegians' opener from the spot, said: "It will be a fantastic challenge for us to see how well we are performing. As soon as we start thinking about results, we can become defensive and not ourselves, so we will keep fighting."

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LIVID LIAM CALLS OUT ENGLAND

LIAM LIVINGSTONE has given a scathing account of his handling by the current England regime, claiming "no one cares about you".

The Lancashire all-rounder has 100 caps for his country across the three formats but has not featured in over a year and seems resigned to things staying that way. The 32-year-old criticised director of cricket Rob Key and described his time at last year's Champions Trophy as "the worst experience I've had playing cricket".

Describing a lack of communication after his dropping in a brief phone call by head coach Brendon McCullum last May, Livingstone told ESPN Cricinfo: "I don't think it would have reached a minute. I asked why, they said they wanted to try someone else. That

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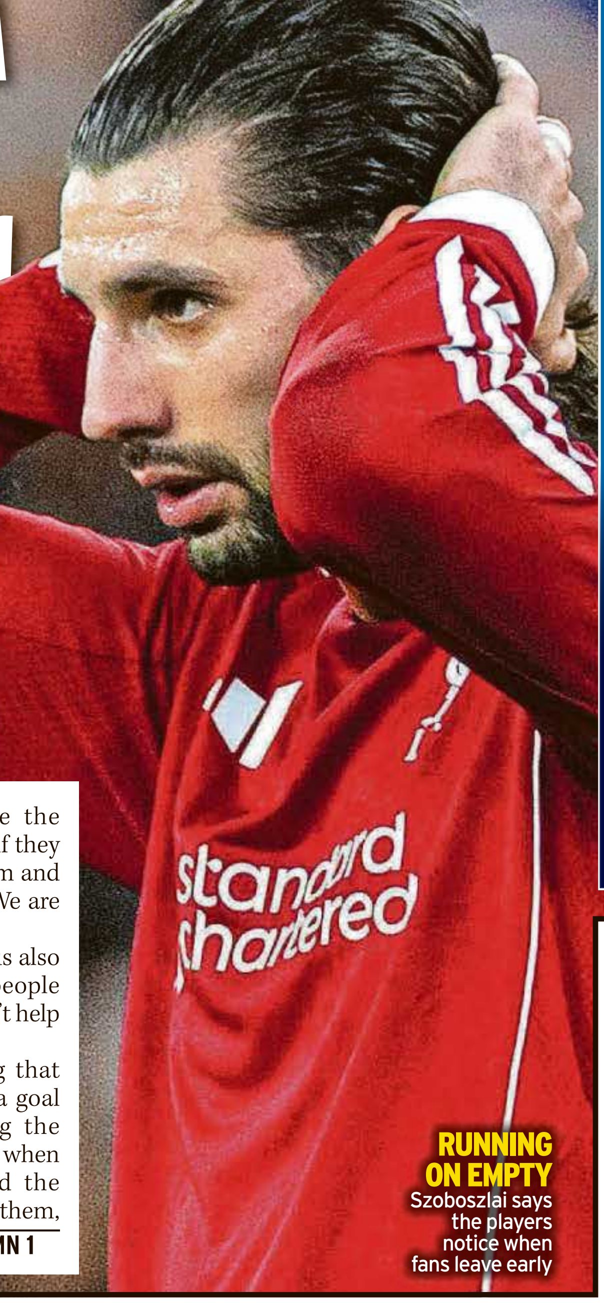
DON'T LET US WALK ALONE

Dom says seeing fans leave Anfield early hurts Reds and urges them to stick with the players



RUNNING ON EMPTY Szoboszlai says the players notice when fans leave early

BY **PAUL GORST**

DOMINIK SZOBOSZLAI has pleaded with Liverpool fans to stick by them after seeing many heading for the Anfield exits in the closing stages of Sunday's draw with Tottenham.

A sigificant number of match-goers left in stoppage time, after Richarlison's 90th-minute equaliser, while those who stayed jeered boss Arne Slot (left) and his Reds.

Szoboszlai, who scored the opener, said: "I don't say they have no right to leave the stadium, they can leave if they want. [But] we need them and they should know this. We are one less without them.

"I don't think it helps us also that after 80 minutes people start to go home, it doesn't help us at all. Stick with us.

"Everyone is noticing that and when we concede a goal still people are leaving the stadium – you don't leave when we score. I understand the frustration but we need them,

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Chelsea hit by fine over hidden fees

BY **BOBBY VINCENT**

CHELSEA have been handed a record fine - but avoided a points deduction - after admitting to breaching Premier League rules in relation to more than £47million in undisclosed payments.

The Premier League said the payments came from third party entities which were "controlled by or associated with" former Blues owner Roman Abramovich.

The money went to unlicensed agents and individuals connected to selling clubs to smooth transfer deals for players including superstars Eden Hazard, Samuel Eto'o and Willian.

Chelsea have accepted a one-year transfer ban, suspended for two years, and a £10m fine.

The Clearlake Capital-Todd Boehly consortium reported their concerns after completing their 2022 takeover. Coupled with their "exceptional co-operation" during the investigation, this helped the club avoid a sporting sanction.

Chelsea have also been given an immediate nine-month academy transfer ban and a further £750,000 fine as part of the sanction agreement with

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PEP GIVES CITY STARS A EURO BREAK: P58-59

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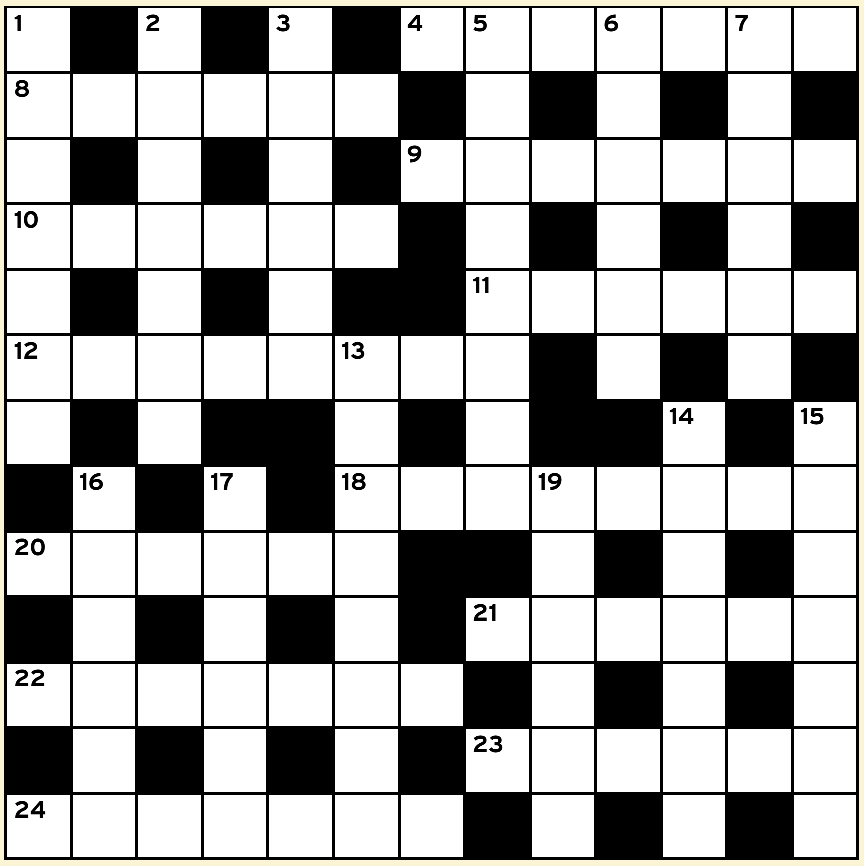

ACROSS
- **4** Work (7)
- **8** Broken fragments (6)
- **9** Behaviour (7)
- **10** Publicly (6)
- **11** Mystic (6)
- **12** Starving (8)
- **18** Sneak (8)
- **20** Lacking (6)
- **21** Saunter (6)
- **22** Calculate (7)
- **23** Smaller (6)
- **24** Introduction (7)

DOWN
- **1** Postpone (7)
- **2** See (7)
- **3** Musical instrument (6)
- **5** Suggestion (8)
- **6** Diminish (6)
- **7** Grapple (6)
- **13** Obsolete (8)
- **14** Revel (7)
- **15** Proclaim (7)
- **16** Consume (6)
- **17** Force (6)
- **19** Foam (6)

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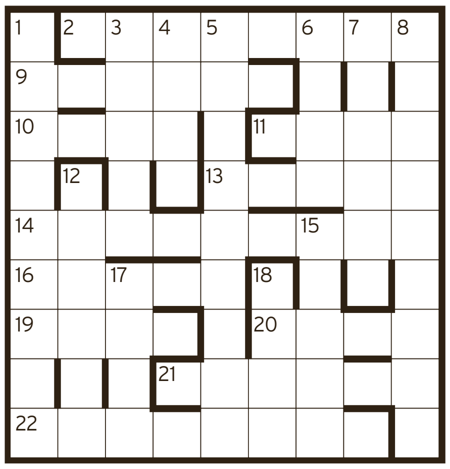

ACROSS
- **2** Leading position (8)
- **9** Organ (6)
- **10** Badger's den (4)
- **11** _ Laurie, actor (4)
- **13** Access (5)
- **14** Startled (9)
- **16** Brazilian dance (5)
- **19** Responsibility (4)
- **20** Forearm bone (4)
- **21** Edit for publication (6)
- **22** Keep for later (3,5)

DOWN
- **1** Evaluators (9)
- **3** Transform (5)
- **4** Ensnares (4)
- **5** Produces, creates (9)
- **6** Adjoin (4)
- **7** Rue (6)
- **8** Dyed heart (anag.) (9)
- **12** Subtle difference (6)
- **15** Cold dish (5)
- **17** Mongrel (4)
- **18** _ Dench, actress (4)

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CROSS DOUBT

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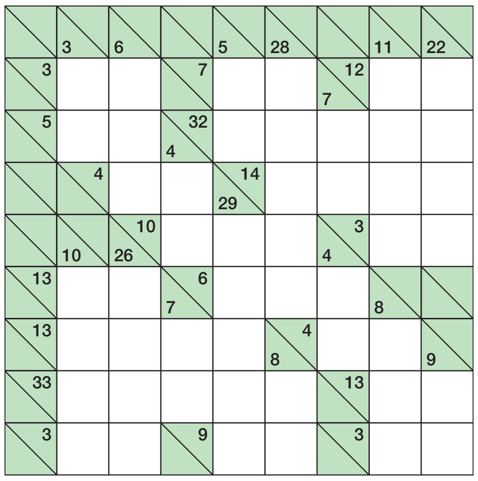

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Solution tomorrow

Puzzles

QUIZWORD

ACROSS

1 Perennial plant of southern Europe having delicate white or blue flowers (4-2-1-4)

9 Industrial city in Baden-Württemberg, Germany on the River Danube (3)

10 City in Brazil which is the capital of Acre state (3,6)

11 A small group of trees (5)

13 Ludovico, Italian poet who wrote the 16th-century epic Orlando Furioso (7)

14 Port in France on the Strait of Dover (6)

16 White or colourless glassy substance that occurs naturally as quartz (6)

18 In Greek mythology, a maiden changed into a spider for having challenged Athena to a weaving contest (7)

19 Fielding position between the slips and point in cricket (5)

20 Technique of monochrome painting in shades of grey imitating the effect of relief (9)

21 Monetary unit of Bulgaria replaced by the euro at the start of 2026 (3)

22 1996 Best Actress Oscar nominee for Breaking The Waves (5,6)

DOWN

2 The derived SI unit of electrical resistance (3)

3 Nest of a bird of prey (5)

4 Robert, author who penned The Ragged Trousered Philanthropists under the name Robert Tressell (6)

5 A cocktail of gin and vermouth (7)

6 Type of comic opera in German with spoken dialogue, popular during the 18th and 19th centuries (9)

7 1990 film comedy starring Bill Murray, Randy Quaid and Geena Davis (5,6)

8 Nina, discus thrower who won the first Olympic gold medal for the Soviet Union (11)

12 Ductile silvery-white element whose symbol is Pd (9)

15 Narrator of Herman Melville's novel Moby-Dick (7)

17 Saul, winner of the 1976 Nobel Prize in Literature (6)

19 Christopher, director and co-writer of the 2003 film A Mighty Wind (5)

21 Fifth sign of the zodiac (3)

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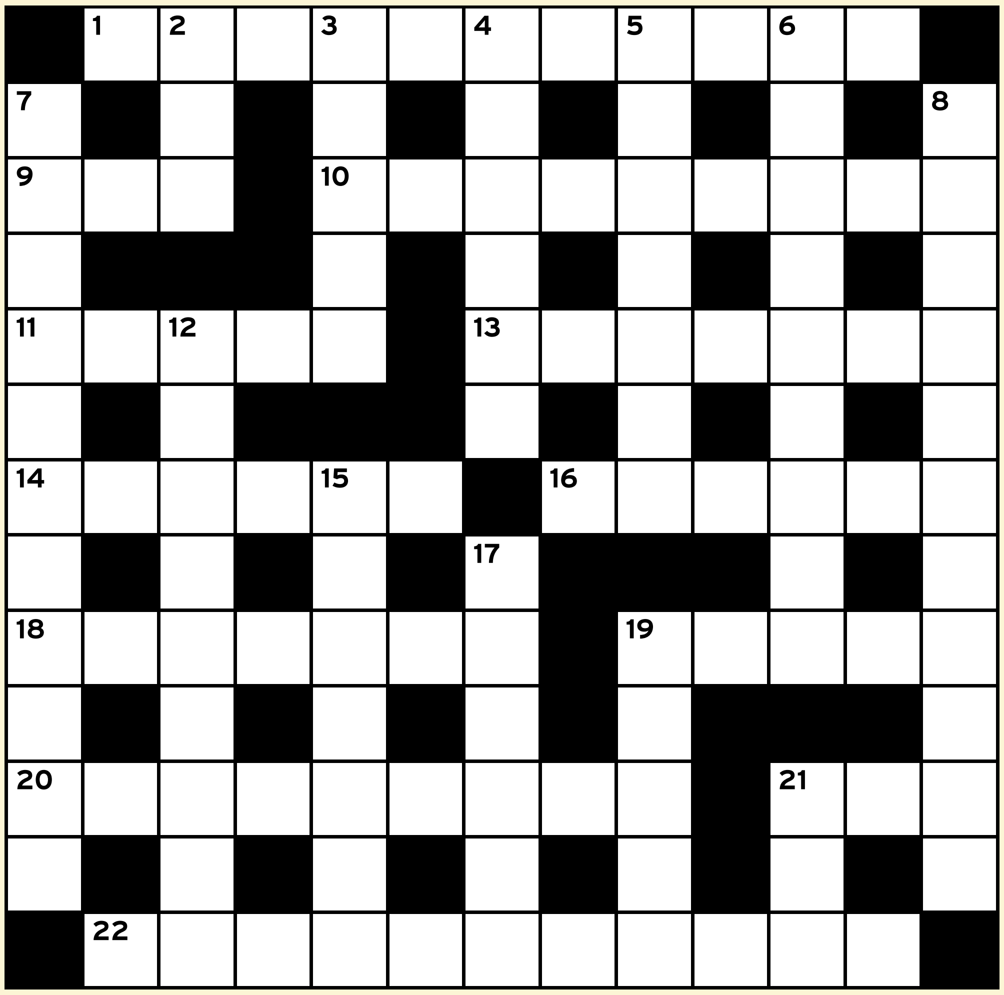

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SAMURAI SUDOKU

In Samurai Sudoku, normal sudoku rules apply, but the 9x9 sudoku at the centre shares four of its 3x3 boxes with those of the outer sudokus.

Solution tomorrow

	7					2		3				5						1		8
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WORD BUILDER

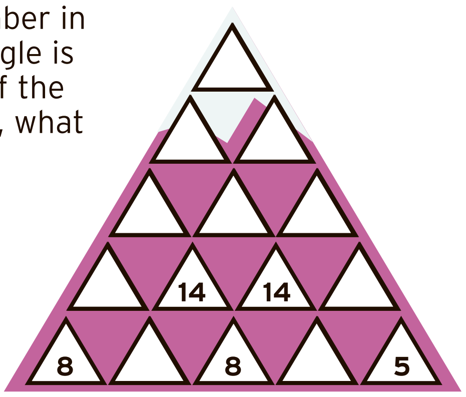
Answer each clue so that every word contains the same letters as the previous word, plus or minus one.

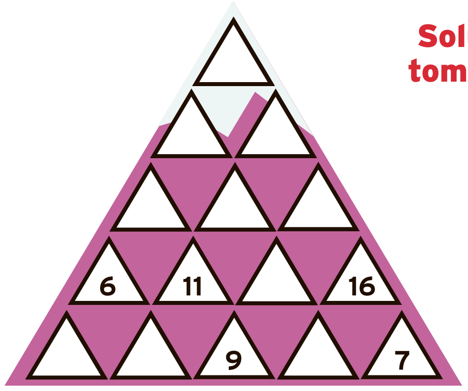
Solution tomorrow

1	☐☐☐	1 Darn
2	☐☐☐☐	2 Hacks
3	☐☐☐☐☐	3 Gnaws
4	☐☐☐☐☐☐	4 Nut
5	☐☐☐☐☐	5 Pursue
6	☐☐☐☐	6 Per
7	☐☐☐	7 Top card

SUMMIT UP

If the number in each triangle is the sum of the two below, what is the top number?





Solution tomorrow

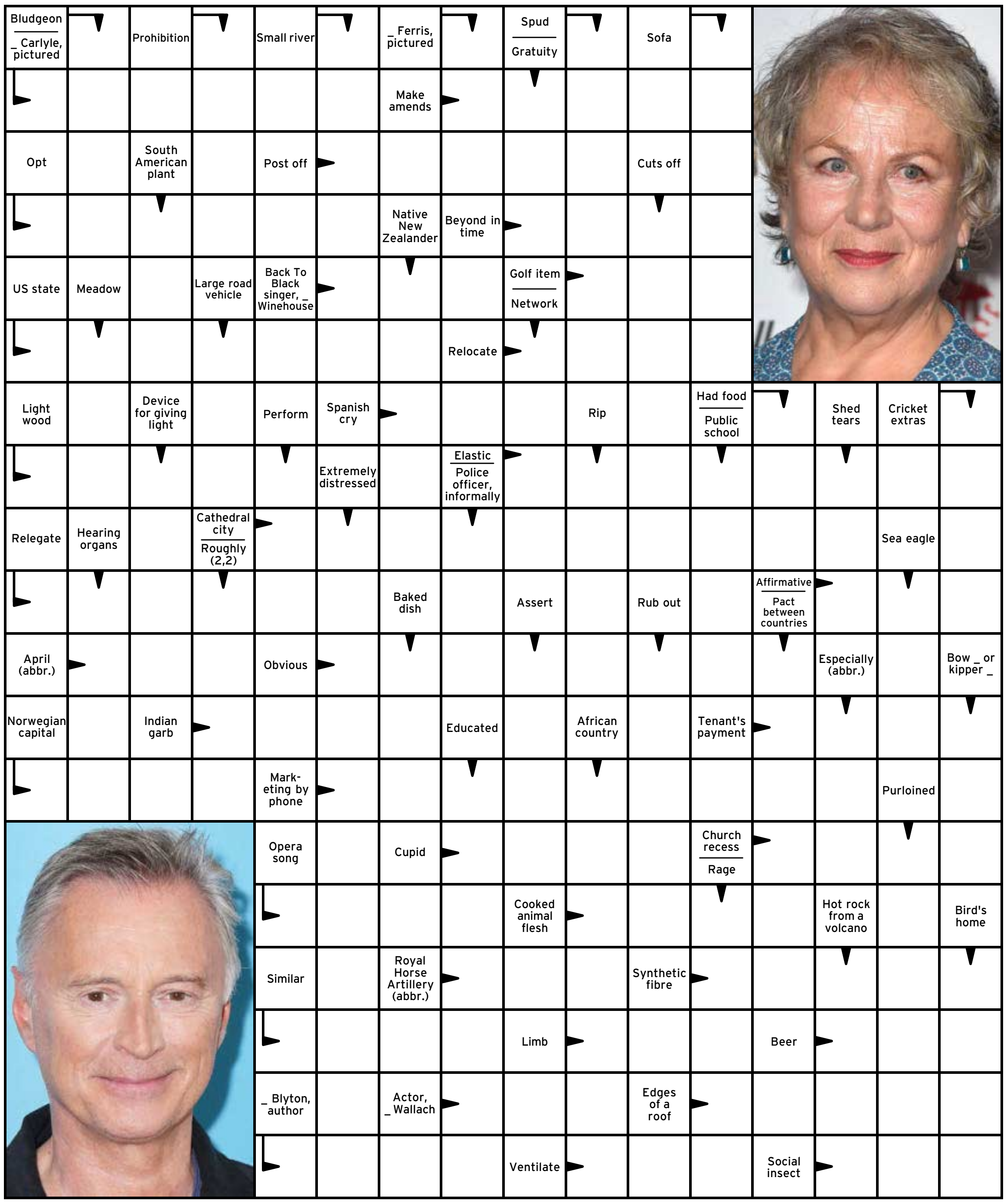
SMALL CROSSWORD

Across:
1 Guardedly,
7 Option,
9 Roof,
10 Wages,
12 Silo,
13 Liverpool,
14 Eros,
16 Sting,
18 Rest,
19 Thieve,
20 Belittles.
Down:
1 Gormless,
2 Atom,
3 Rifles,
4 Downright,
5 Dog,
6 Lie low,
8 Isolates,
11 Virtue,
12 Spirit,
15 Feel,
17 Ill.

ARROW-WORD

Arrow-words are like crosswords, but the clues are printed inside squares on the grid. Write your answers in the blank squares in the direction indicated by the arrows.

Solution tomorrow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_ Carlyle, pictured
Prohibition
Small river
_ Ferris, pictured
Spud
Gratuity
Sofa
Make amends
Opt
South American plant
Post off
Cuts off
Native New Zealander
Beyond in time
US state
Meadow
Large road vehicle
Back To Black singer, _ Winehouse
Golf item
Network
Relocate
Light wood
Device for giving light
Perform
Spanish cry
Rip
Had food
Public school
Shed tears
Cricket extras
Extremely distressed
Elastic
Police officer, informally
Relegate
Hearing organs
Cathedral city
Roughly (2,2)
Sea eagle
Baked dish
Assert
Rub out
Affirmative
Pact between countries
April (abbr.)
Obvious
Especially (abbr.)
Bow _ or kipper _
Norwegian capital
Indian garb
Educated
African country
Tenant's payment
Mark-eting by phone
Purloined
Opera song
Cupid
Church recess
Rage
Cooked animal flesh
Hot rock from a volcano
Bird's home
Similar
Royal Horse Artillery (abbr.)
Synthetic fibre
Limb
Beer
_ Blyton, author
Actor, _ Wallach
Edges of a roof
Ventilate
Social insect

WORDSEARCH

Q	B	R	L	A	Y	Z	G	W	X	Y	W	E	X	O
N	A	P	U	H	Y	E	O	E	W	H	B	Y	U	V
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G	Y	F	X	O	B	E	S	O	O	L	S	C	T	S

WORDS RELATED TO HORSE RIDING

Find all the terms listed below in the grid.

Solution tomorrow

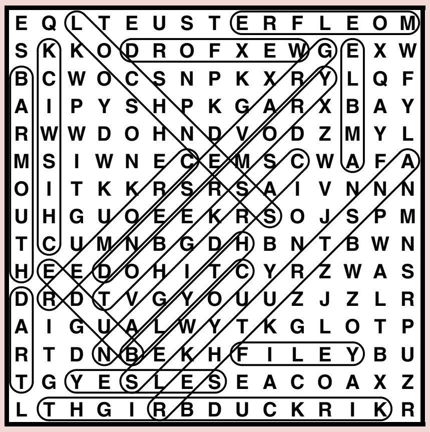
BADMINTON ● BURGHLEY ● CURRY COMB
DERBY ● FLAT RACE ● GYMKHANA
JOCKEY ● JUMPS ● LOOSEBOX
OLYMPICS ● POINT TO POINT ● POLO
PONY ● SADDLE ● SHOW JUMPING
STABLES ● TACK ● THOROUGHBRED

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTIONS

QUICK CROSSWORD

Across: 1 Injudicious, **9** Nip, **10** Fascinate, **11** Erect, **13** Diarist, **14** Trauma, **16** Devout, **18** Leaflet, **19** Onset, **20** Tailoring, **21** Ego, **22** Influential.
Down: 2 Nap, **3** Unfit, **4** Inside, **5** Imitate, **6** Unanimous, **7** Infertility, **8** Restitution, **12** Emanation, **15** Milfoil, **17** Strive, **19** Ought, **21** Era.

WORDSEARCH



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ARROW-WORD

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SUDOKU EASY

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SUDOKU MEDIUM

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SUDOKU DIFFICULT

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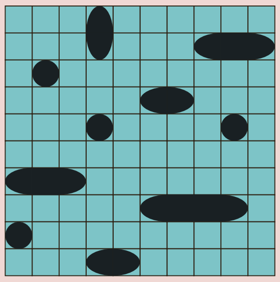
BATTLESHIPS



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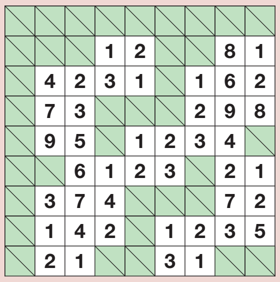

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WORD BUILDER

Mat, Team, Metal, Mantle, Meant, Name, Men

TARGET

EPHEDRINE
deep deepen deeper drip EPHEDRINE neep peed peen peer peered pein peined pend pied pier pine pined preen preened pride pried repine repined ripe ripen ripened

THE ALPHAPUZZLE

Across: Enlarge (clue), Boot, Wild, Daiquiri, Unjust, Weight, Baking, Cherry, Magazine, Tomb, They, Tankard.
Down: Benign, Apathy, Glad, Unitary, Credit, Gaiety, Review, Cleans, Bauxite, Trap, Fourth, Remedy.

THE ALPHABEATER

Black squares: 1, 3, 7, 9, 11, 17, 20, 22, 25, 26, 29, 32, 35, 38.
Across: Master, Stroke, Duchy, Opt, Exacerbates, Jewel, Pixel, Stabilising, Ado, Siege, Forage, Quotas. **Down:** Mayor, Scuff, Spite, Wrapper, Drawl, Sag, Screwdriver, Toy, Prize, Overtax, Gamut, Evils, Honks.

CROSS DOUBT

Across: FROCK
Down: PEACE

Puzzles

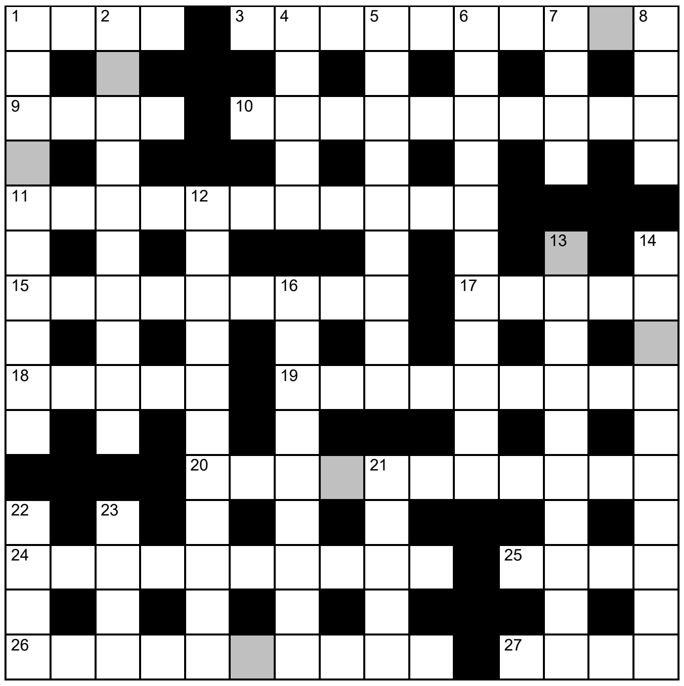
CRUSADER PRIZE CROSSWORD

ACROSS

- **1** Conjured up energy to hide trick (4)
- **3** Ten poems composed after the Spanish flights (10)
- **9** Reserve something to read (4)
- **10** Domineering type of pronoun (10)
- **11** Sentence has aunts go mad for seafood (11)
- **15** Nice latch, terribly complicated (9)
- **17** City can produce obsolete language (5)
- **18** Walk like a vagrant (5)
- **19** Reason involved new church providing special meaning (9)
- **20** Italian gear manufactured for fair (11)
- **24** Nine worried about old bishop, say, being unhurt (2,3,5)
- **25** Hardly fast food, by the sound of it! (4)
- **26** Officer gets place with occupier (10)
- **27** Strange diet to prepare for publication (4)

DOWN

- **1** Weaken tide, albeit badly (10)
- **2** Old Syrian gets mobile phone in and spies interior (10)
- **4** Searches for an appearance (5)
- **5** Pills, teas, bananas and tablets (9)
- **6** Literary collections involved alien camels (11)
- **7** Nothing about a form of digital protection (4)
- **8** Haste, parading around stage (4)
- **12** Trendy doctor switched gift everywhere (11)
- **13** Clients led out to be decorated (10)
- **14** Tintern ruin holds soldiers in imprisonment (10)
- **16** Flower to transport people (9)
- **21** Food container didn't start in former empire (5)
- **22** Frenchman reaches mound without first plant (4)
- **23** New mode of building (4)



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Read down the letters in the highlighted squares to reveal the mystery word.

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LAST FRIDAY'S SOLUTION

ACROSS: 1 Broomstick, 6 Flog, 10 Incline, 11 Tillage, 12 Tap dancer, 13 Grain, 14 Monet, 15 Electrode, 17 Nostalgia, 20 Elfin, 21 Limit, 23 Irish stew, 25 Get lost, 26 Nankeen, 27 East, 28 Eradicated. **DOWN:** 1 Built, 2 Occupants, 3 Main attraction, 4 Treacle, 5 Coterie, 7 Llama, 8 Green bean, 9 Flight mechanic, 14 Monologue, 16 Off-street, 18 Glitter, 19 Aligned, 22 Maths, 24 Waned. **Prizeword:** Sunrise

TARGET

T	L	T
A	R	E
R	F	E

● *The Target uses words in the main body of Chambers 21st Century Dictionary (1999 edition)*

HOW many words of four letters or more can you make from the letters shown here?
In making a word, each letter may be used once only. Each must contain the centre letter and there must be at least one nine-letter word. No plurals. Verb forms ending in S permitted.

TODAY'S TARGET
Good 31; **very good** 46; **excellent** 61 **(or more).** **Solution tomorrow**

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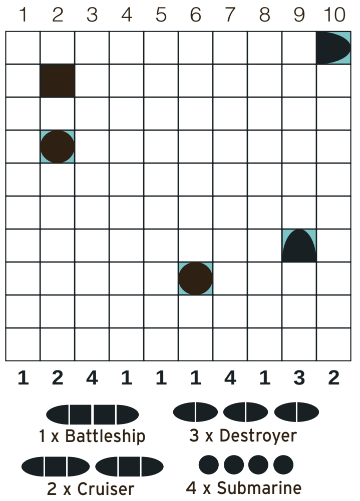
BATTLESHIPS

FIND where the fleet of ships shown is hidden in the grid. The numbers to the right of and below the grid indicate how many of the squares in that row are filled in with ships or parts of ships. The ships do not touch each other, even diagonally. Some squares have been filled in to start you off.
Solution tomorrow



THE ALPHABEATER

TARGET TIME: 38 minutes

CAN you crack the Alphabeater? Each grid number represents a letter – or black square. As in Alphapuzzle, every letter of the alphabet is used. But you have to complete the grid too! Use the given letters and black squares below the grid to start. The grid is 'rotationally symmetrical' – in other words, it looks the same if you turn the page upside down.
Solution tomorrow

Extra letter clues
0907 181 2560
(Deduct three minutes for each extra clue letter heard)

Full solution
0907 181 2558
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A B C ~~D~~ E F ~~G~~ H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X ~~Y~~ Z

39	27	19	36	3	22	7	32	21	39	6	25	14
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21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40
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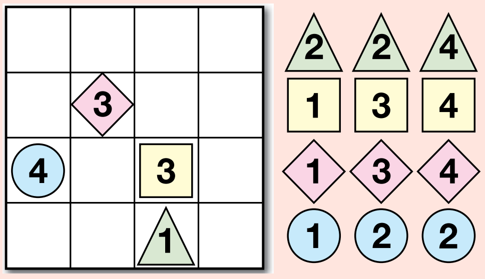
● Alternatively, for six Extra Letter clues to your mobile, text **DXBEAT to 64343.** Texts cost £1 plus standard network rate.

KEIJO



Place the tiles into the grid so that four different numbers and four different shapes appear in each row and column.
Solution tomorrow

THE ALPHAPUZZLE®

Alphapuzzle® tests logic and word power. Each grid number stands for a letter. Every letter of the alphabet is used. Use the given letter or letters – below the main grid – to start. **Solution tomorrow**

DIFFICULTY: 6/10; **TARGET:** 21 mins; **CLUE:** You drop grains from a grand.

A B C D E F G H I J K ~~L~~ M N O P Q R ~~S~~ T U V W X Y Z

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EXTRA LETTER CLUES: 0907 181 2568*
Hear up to six Extra Letters, deduct two minutes for each clue letter heard.
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